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Iraq rejects any move to impose truce

## UN chief won't declare a ceasefire unilaterally

UNITED NATIONS, Aug 2, (Agencies): Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar does not intend to declare a ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war without consulting the Security Council and possibly the two belligerents, UN officials said today.

It is not his intention to declare a ceasefire unilaterally," said Francois Giuliani, spokesman for the UN chief. "Theoretically, he can do so, practically, he will consult."

### Insistence

Giuliani was responding to reporters' questions about Perez de Cuellar's statement last night that he would declare a ceasefire after receiving a report on Thursday from a UN fact-finding team, consulting the Security Council and possibly speaking with the Iraqi and Iranian foreign ministers.

Perez de Cuellar's intent to declare a ceasefire was expected to pressure Iraq to drop its insistence on immediate face-to-face

talks with Iran prior to a truce in their nearly eight-year-old war. The ceasefire is called for in UN Security Council Resolution 598, which both sides have accepted.

Iraq rejected today any move by the United Nations "or any other quarter" to impose a unilateral ceasefire.

"We will not accept any 'fait accompli' — no matter from which quarter it comes," Riyadh Al Qaysi, a member of the Iraqi negotiating team, said.

Al Qaysi responded to published reports quoting the UN secretary-general as saying either he or the Security Council may declare a ceasefire without the consent of the parties.

### Demand

In a statement read to reporters outside the Secretariat building, Al Qaysi reiterated the Iraqi demand for face-to-face negotiations with Iran.

Describing Iraq's demand for direct talks as a pre-condition is wrong, he said. "In our position we are not demanding that I would be in touch with the

two foreign ministers ... The decision is both with the secretary-general and the Security Council. That is why it is important I be in touch with the council, and, if necessary, the two foreign ministers."

Last night, Perez de Cuellar said: "The D-Day (beginning of a ceasefire) does not depend on the parties."

He said he would study the report of the UN team investigating a ceasefire, adding: "I will be in touch with the members of the council, and then I will decide on a D-Day."

The head of the UN team was expected to arrive tomorrow night in New York following his mission's trip to Iran and Iraq, then present his report on Thursday.

Iranian Ambassador Mohammad Jaafar Mahallati, meanwhile, reaffirmed today that his government thinks the secretary-general must declare a ceasefire, even if Iraq is opposed.

"The secretary-general is mandated to declare a ceasefire," he told reporters.

### Important

Diplomats said they doubted the secretary-general would want to declare a unilateral ceasefire if Iraq opposed it.

As he arrived at UN headquarters today, Perez de Cuellar was asked if he would declare a ceasefire despite Iraq's opposition and refusal to comply.

"When I say I will declare a ceasefire (in consultation) with members of the Security Council," he said, "I do not exclude that I would be in touch with the

Mahallati said Iran is ready to observe an immediate ceasefire and accepts the secretary-general's ideas on a troop withdrawal, prisoner exchange and other elements of the UN resolution.

If Iraq does not accept a ceasefire, he said, the Security Council should consider imposing an arms embargo against the Baghdad government.

But Mahallati said: "It will be hard for Iraq to resist the international momentum" and worldwide desire for an early peace in the war.

He said the Security Council should act swiftly to condemn Iraq by name for its repeated and large-scale use of outlawed chemical weapons.

But Iraq today formally denied an Iranian allegation that a high-ranking Iraqi official has recently acknowledged Iraq's use of chemical weapons.

The Soviet Union said today it expects the ceasefire talks to produce positive results "within days" and urged the Security Council to act resolutely to end the war.

## Khamenei doubtful about peace

NICOSIA, Aug 2, (Agencies): Iranian President Ali Khamenei said today prospects of an end to the Gulf war were "extremely doubtful" as millions filled the streets in a show of support for Ayatollah Khomeini.

Khamenei also insisted that Iran would accept no preconditions in peace negotiations designed to lead to a ceasefire bases on UN Security Council Resolution 598.

Iraq, which has launched a number of cross-border attacks in the past two weeks, has been insisting on face-to-face talks with Iran in advance of a ceasefire.

### Implementation

"The Iraqi regime's attitude during the past two weeks, its obstructionist behaviour regarding the implementation of Resolution 598 and its excuses have cast doubts on the prospect of achieving peace," Khamenei said in a speech broadcast by Tehran Radio.

"In the light of this situation I

look at the prospect of achieving peace and an end to the war in the context of Resolution 598 as extremely doubtful and suspect," he said.

Khamenei was addressing a rally in the southwestern oil city of Ahvaz, part of the celebrations honouring Khomeini and the Islamic revolution that brought him to power.

Referring to Iraq's demand for direct talks, he said:

"We shall not accept any preconditions from Iraq over the implementation of the resolution and a ceasefire on the fronts ... such as direct negotiations or any other condition," adding:

"If Iraq sets down preconditions, we too shall set down a condition and ours will be what we have stated before, the punishment of the aggressor."

The Iranian President also said a phased plan proposed by Perez de Cuellar for withdrawal of each country's forces from the other's territory was "acceptable."

But he told Le Monde newspaper that he still opposes independence for the desert region where his forces have battled the Polisario Front for years, and did not say what he would do if its inhabitants vote for independence.

His remarks came amid reports that United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar may soon announce a peace plan to end the "war of the sands" with a ceasefire to be followed by a referendum.

Fighting between Morocco and the Polisario Front became fierce in 1979 when Mauritania renounced its claim on half of the Western Sahara region and made a separate peace with the rebels.

The desert war has been a major source of tension between Morocco and Algeria, which restored diplomatic relations in June. Hassan told Le Monde that a resolution would "save face" for both nations.

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ships will leave the Gulf, a point of importance both to Iran and the Soviet Union, which has always wanted a UN force to replace the Americans.

A further part of the secret accord is that relations between Iran and the US will be normalised before the US presidential election. In the short term, this new US friendship with Iran would boost George Bush's campaign. But underlying this move is the global policy of containing the Soviet Union.

The regimes in Turkey and Pakistan are US allies; if Iran, could be added to friends in the

## Arab League endorses Iraq's stand

BAGHDAD, Aug 2, (Reuters): A seven-member Arab League committee of foreign ministers endorsed today Iraq's policy on a ceasefire in its war with Iran, the official Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported.

"The members of the follow-up committee praised Iraq's attitude and its positive response to putting an honourable and legitimate end to the war," the agency said.

### Demand

The ministers arrived in Baghdad hours after a senior Iraqi politician reiterated Iraq's demand for face-to-face talks with the Iranians before any ceasefire.

INA said President Saddam Hussein told the committee that Iraq's victory was "for the good of all Arabs" and hailed its efforts to establish peace in the region.

The committee comprises ministers from Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia and North Yemen.

## Secret US-Iran agreement led to acceptance of Resolution 598

LONDON, Aug 2: Iran's acceptance of a UN resolution calling for a ceasefire in the Gulf war is the result of both a secret agreement with the United States and internal pressures, according to a London newspaper.

The Observer quoting a leading Iranian source said the US-Iran deal was apparently made two to three months ago.

The key concession to Iran was that the commission which under the Security Council Resolution 598 will investigate the question of war guilt will declare Iraq the aggressor, the newspaper said.

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ships will leave the Gulf, a point of importance both to Iran and the Soviet Union, which has always wanted a UN force to replace Soviet Asia's Muslims.

Moreover, a bridge between Iran and Pakistan, according to this scenario, would help to destabilise the communist regime in Afghanistan.

A strong contributory factor in the Iranian acceptance of the ceasefire, according to reliable sources, is the looming battle for the succession. Parts of the Army support President Ali Khamenei and are ready for a clash with the Revolutionary Guards.

area, the anti-communist cordon around the Soviet Union would be complete and Iran could be counted on as a powerful magnet for Soviet Asia's Muslims.

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Floodwaters were receding today, the Zhejiang spokesman said, speaking from Hangzhou.

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The floods swamped 730,000 hectares (1.8 million acres) of farmland and destroyed roads,

as villages and roads were swept away and over 300 were still missing today, Xu Yuchang of the ministry's disaster relief bureau said.

**Heatwave**

A United Nations aid worker said the land had been parched by a severe drought affecting wide areas of southern China.

Hundreds of old and sick people in Hangzhou, the capital of Zhejiang, have been killed by the heatwave this summer.

"The rains hit hard-baked earth instead of running through. It's like hitting concrete," Trevor Page, director of

operations of the World Food Programme, said in Beijing.

UN agencies are monitoring the situation but China has not yet asked for international aid, he said.

State television last evening showed pictures of houses cut in half by torrents of water and soldiers and civilians wading waist deep through flooded streets.

Around 30,000 homes were destroyed and 100,000 people have been left stranded, according to official figures.

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## INTERNATIONAL

**Doctor quits animal organ transplant project**

LONDON, Aug 2, (AP): A British surgeon involved in a plan to use pigs' organs for human transplants abruptly quit the project Monday in a dispute with colleagues but said research would continue.

Dr Michael Bewick said fellow researchers at Dulwich Hospital had told him to "shut up or get out."

Bewick, 52, said the research team was furious that without their consent he had announced that the hospital intended to study the feasibility of transplanting kidneys, livers and hearts from pigs into people.

Animal rights groups responded to the press coverage by labeling the idea a "horror fantasy" and "gross abuse of animal life." They called on the government to ban the project.

Bewick, a kidney transplant specialist, said the research team feared the controversy might harm its chances of obtaining facilities to carry out the work.

"For the sake of the group and the work they are doing, I decided it would be right for me to leave," Bewick said. He stressed they had the brains and technical skills "to proceed without him."

**Situation**

A hospital spokesman said he would meet with Bewick and the research team to assess the situation.

Earlier Monday, Independent newspaper quoted Bewick as saying the programme posed "no ethical problem ... animal kidneys could save the lives of thousands of people who die because we do not have an off-the-shelf kidney."

Before his withdrawal from the project, Bewick had offered to meet with animal rights groups to discuss their concerns. He said he feared attacks on his personal property and the hospital.

Bewick said over the weekend that the hospital's research team had discovered a way to filter out antibodies that cause humans to reject donor organs.

The new technique had helped 20 patients accept human kidneys more easily, he said.

**Police disperse Leningrad rally**

MOSCOW, Aug 2, (AP): Police in Leningrad broke up a demonstration by about 1,000 people who displayed placards and banners critical of the Kremlin's handling of ethnic disputes, a Moscow activist reported today.

Police detained 27 of the participants and filed criminal charges against 10 in the last night demonstration at Nevsky Square, said Yevgenia Debryanskaya of the unofficial Democratic Union political group.

She said she was informed of the incident by telephone by Valery Terekhov, a Democratic Union activist in Leningrad.

The demonstrators displayed signs critical of the leadership's handling of a dispute between Armenians and Azerbaijanis over control of the Nagorno-Karabakh region, as well as other aspects of relations among the Soviet Union's more than 100 nationalities, Ms Debryanskaya said.

Participants also passed around pictures of victims of the Feb 28 rioting in Sumgail, an Azerbaijani city where 32 were killed when youths went on rampage to protest the Armenian claims to Nagorno-Karabakh, a

**No one can accuse us of hiding things: Soviet official**

**Carlucci sees Blackjack bomber**

MOSCOW, Aug 2, (Agencies): The Soviet Union unveiled its top-secret Blackjack strategic bomber and put on an impressive display of tank defence and attack operations today for visiting US Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci.

After 15 minutes on board the huge white, sharp-nosed Blackjack, counterpart of the American B-1, at the Kubinka air base some 60 km (40 miles) west of Moscow, Carlucci pronounced it "a very impressive aircraft."

**Impressive**

"They let me sit in the cockpit, but I couldn't tell one instrument from another," Carlucci told reporters. "It can fly like our B-1 at low altitudes and carries a very substantial payload."

Carlucci finished the viewing portion of the second day of his visit to the Soviet Union by wat-

ching live fire exercises with his counterpart Dmitri Yazov.

And as he spoke two more Blackjacks in shape resembling the Anglo-French supersonic Concorde and never before seen in flight by Western military experts, came swooping down over the airfield from the east.

The Blackjack bomber, which can fire a cruise missile from 3,000 miles (4,800 km), first appeared in 1986, and the Pentagon adds another dimension to the Soviet ability to strike deep into the American heartland with nuclear weapons.

**Barred**

"We promised to show it to him. And there it is," commented one Soviet officer with a grin. "No-one can accuse us of hiding things."

Also on display for Carlucci at Kubinka, in an area normally barred to foreigners, were a

MiG-29 fighter, an IL-76 refuelling transport plane, and the world's largest helicopter, the Mi-26.

"This is a display of some of the most up-to-date Air Force equipment they have," said an American officer with Carlucci, on a four-day visit to the Soviet Union under a new programme of military exchanges between the superpowers.

Before Carlucci arrived at the base, reporters saw two MiG-29s, one of the most advanced combat aircraft in the Soviet arsenal, land and taxi to a remote part of the base.

US officials had hoped the defence secretary, described by Moscow commentators as "a realist" despite his expressed reservations about Soviet military posture, would be shown some of the Soviet Union's newest equipment.

"There is no doubt — this is state-of-the-art battlefield gear," said one American officer.

Carlucci came to Moscow one month after Soviet Chief-of-Staff Marshal Sergei Akhromeyev visited the United States where he was shown some of the latest American hardware, including the B-1.



Airikyan (right) is embraced by a cousin upon his arrival in Paris from Rome. (Reuter wirephoto)

**Cry Freedom goes underground**

JOHANNESBURG, Aug 2, (Reuters): The anti-apartheid film "Cry Freedom," banned from public screening in South Africa, has gone underground with pirate tapes selling for up to 300 rand (\$150), a film industry representative said today.

Edward Askew of Southern Africa Film and Video Security, an independent body which monitors piracy of films, said videotapes of Sir Richard Attenborough's film had been imported illegally earlier this year when Pretoria had not made up its mind whether the film could be shown in the country.

Last Friday government censors unexpectedly passed the film, which depicts the life and death of South African black activist Steve Biko, but hours later police raided cinemas across the country and confiscated copies.

Askew told Reuters that tapes of the film were now available under the counter and pirate distributors were cashing in.

"There are now at least 350 pirates copies selling for anything up to 300 rand," Askew said.

"We saw pirate copies of the film two months ago, but we could not take any action under circumstances which existed at the time," Askew said.

Askew said he expected the film to be available in the United States by next week.

"I am too overcome with emotion to speak," Mrs Fiora told reporters in Turin. "Now I cannot wait until I see Marco again."

It was the happy end of a drama that caused anguish in Italy for 17 months during which Pope John Paul II, the archbishop and mayor of Turin, were among those who made appeals to the bandits to release the 8-year-old boy.

Informal meetings between participants delayed the official opening of the talks at Geneva's bunker-like international conference centre. The US team and the joint Angolan-Cuban delegation arrived ahead of the South Africans.

A US spokesman, Art Skop, said US officials would maintain a news embargo until a press conference planned by Chester Crocker, the US assistant secretary of state for African affairs, after completion of the Geneva round.

Hopes have been buoyed by an agreement announced in New York on July 20 on a delicately balanced set of 14 principles designed to establish the basis of peace in the region.

It was the first ever joint document accepted by the three parties locked in an undecided war since 1975. The principles envisage an end to South African administration of South-West Africa, also known as Namibia, and the withdrawal of all Cuban troops from Angola.

Crocker, who acts as a mediator in the talks, has described the accord as an "important step" but has warned that a "great many hard and difficult compromises have yet to be achieved."

Comments from other parties directly involved ranged from

**Expelled Armenian wavers on US exile**

PARIS, Aug 2, (UPI): Armenian dissident Paruyr Airikyan, arriving from Rome, received an official welcome amid applause and tears from emigres and said he has not decided whether to take up exile in the United States or France.

About 50 Armenians bearing bouquets of lilies and wild flowers and placards with pro-Armenian slogans mobbed the dissident at the VIP lounge of Charles de Gaulle Airport.

French Secretary of State for Humanitarian Affairs Bernard Kouchner handed the bearded Airikyan a permit granting him free movement in France until Aug 15.

"You are a free man, Monsieur Airikyan. We admire you for this tenacity and we are happy to welcome you among us, whatever your choice of residency may be," Kouchner said. Kouchner made it clear Airikyan could settle in France if he wished.

Airikyan, looking composed in a gray suit and tie, denounced upon him during his three days in Italy not to take the Soviets over the coals.

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**Jordan keeps quiet on next move**

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when he said Jordan would dismantle its legal and administrative ties with the West Bank after 38 years of unity.

The king said he was bowing to PLO and Arab pressure on Jordan to clear the way for an independent Palestinian state.

**Intention**

Information Minister Hani Al Khasawneh said King Hussein's intention had been to clear the political decks with the PLO to build a healthier relationship.

"He wanted to make clear to the PLO, the Arabs and the world that we will never put ourselves in competition with the PLO over who represents the Palestinians," Khasawneh said.

Jordan wanted to remove any cause for PLO sensitivity, even if it was unsure that the PLO could go alone.

"Since the PLO is recognised by the Arabs and Palestinians as the sole legitimate representative, we cannot continue to fight over this point," he said.

Khasawneh said the practical effects of the rupture with the West Bank would be worked out in consultation with the PLO.

In Cairo, Egyptian Foreign Minister Esma Abdel Maguid said Jordan had not renounced its commitment to the search for Middle East peace by cutting its ties with the West Bank.

He urged the PLO to "shoulder its national responsibility towards the Palestinian people in the occupied territories."

Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin said on US television that King Hussein might re-enter the peace process after US and Israeli elections due in November.

**Decision**

"I will make my definitive decision once I have taken stock, when I have seen where I can be of use to my country," he said, speaking in Russian through an interpreter.

"Right now I am leaning towards the United States, maybe for a subjective reason, because the first document I saw in Ethiopia was a communiqué of the US Embassy, which said they were willing to take me."

But he added "wherever I live my intention is to return to my country and continue my struggle among my people."

He also criticised Italian authorities who he said prevailed upon him during his three days in Italy not to take the Soviets over the coals.

The United States has reaffirmed its determination not to alter its Middle East peace plan despite King Hussein's dramatic move.

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**Palestinians protest**

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Security officials said the strike by the 1.5 million Palestinians of the occupied territories appeared to have gathered more support today following the latest explosions.

The deportees, six from the West Bank and two from Gaza, were expelled for "being involved in organising and carrying out violent demonstrations," the Army said.

Lebanon said today it would lodge a complaint with the UN Security Council against Israel's deportation of eight Palestinian activists.

**Birth rate**

A government statement said Lebanon's UN Ambassador Rashid Fakhouri was instructed to file the protest on the grounds of the violations of human rights.

In another development, the Jerusalem Post reported that a group of prominent Israelis have formed an organisation to publicise the dangers the high Arab birth rate poses to the Jewish state.

**Adulterated oil paralyses 400**

CALCUTTA, Aug 2, (Reuters): Adulterated cooking oil has paralysed more than 400 people and made thousands ill in this eastern Indian city, officials said today.

They said 11 people had so far been arrested in connection with the mass poisoning and police were still investigating.

It was the first official confirmation of the extent of the poisoning which has spread panic throughout Calcutta, a city of 10 million people and capital of West Bengal state.

"Somebody has been doing this deliberately," said state Information Minister Bhudadev Bhattacharya, admitting the government did not know who or why.

"We have admitted 415 people to hospital paralysed below the waist," he said.

The first victims began to appear two weeks ago and Calcutta's Telegraph newspaper quoted Health Minister Prasanta Sur as saying new cases were being reported every day.

The oil, contaminated with insecticide, was distributed through government-controlled food stores, officials said.



Women demonstrators sing a song while displaying placards highlighting attitudes to women in the church outside the Lambeth conference centre in Canterbury. (Reuter wirephoto)

**Compromise reached on women bishops**

CANTERBURY, Aug 2, (AP): An overwhelming majority of the world's Anglican bishops voted for a carefully worded compromise resolution on women priests and bishops, designed to keep their churches together despite deep divisions over the issue.

In the vote last night, the bishops representing 70 million Anglicans in 164 countries said the church must respect one another's decisions and attitudes whether they agree with them or not and maintain communications with bishops who may differ with any woman bishop.

The voting by hands was 423-28 with 19 abstentions.

The bishops faced a situation where the US Episcopalians and the Canadian and New Zealand Anglicans are considering consecrating a woman bishop this year, after admitting more than 1,000 women to the priesthood in the past 11 years.

The 27 Anglican churches worldwide are self-governing. They look to the Lambeth conference for guidance but the conference, which is holding its first meeting in Canterbury for 10

years, cannot give them orders. But the extent of the bishops' anxiety was shown in a secret ballot which by 277-137 defeated a call to the churches to "refrain from consecrating a woman as bishop" because of the damage it would do to the Anglican communion.

The successful compromise was moved by conference participants who spent most of the first two weeks of the three-week gathering discussing and drafting it. The conference ends on Sunday.

The defeated resolution was proposed by Archbishop Donald Robinson of Sydney, Australia, who wants to keep the priesthood and Episcopate all-male and who said he wanted the secret ballot.

Robinson said a woman bishop was "contrary to the explicit teaching of the New Testament" and threatened a "fundamental breach" of scripture, faith and order.

Margaret Hewitt of England, who attended the conference as a member of the Anglican Consultative Council, was the only woman to speak in the debate.

## INTERNATIONAL

**Greek-Cypriot soldier dies in shooting**

NICOSIA, Aug 2. (Reuter): A teenage Greek-Cypriot soldier has died after a Turkish-Cypriot guard shot him on the island's tense green line, hospital sources said today.

Greek-Cypriot government troops guarding the ceasefire line between the divided communities in Cyprus have been put on higher alert since Sunday's shooting, the Defence Ministry said.

The ministry charged in a statement that 19-year-old Evagoras Evagorou had been shot in cold blood.

It said he was unarmed and wearing shorts when he entered the Nicosia buffer zone between Greek and Turkish-Cypriot forces after he had reached an understanding with a Turkish guard.

Defence Minister Andreas Alofis said soldiers from both sides sometimes exchanged cigarettes, fruit, or insults in Nicosia where the buffer zone is only meters wide in places.

"We try to discourage it," he said, but added that exchanges were human and unavoidable when bored youngsters stared at one another most of the day.

A Turkish-Cypriot statement from breakaway North Cyprus said a Turkish-Cypriot, not a mainland Turk, shot Evagorou.

It said the soldier warned Evagorou verbally and fired a warning shot. He then fired again to prevent Evagorou from approaching Turkish lines, the statement said.

Alofis called the Turkish-Cypriot version "ridiculous."

Doctors said one bullet smashed from behind into Evagorou's right kidney and part of his liver. Another hit his wrist, they said.

**Japan faces week-long earthquakes**

TOKYO, Aug 2. (UPI): Seismologists today predicted a week-long swarm of nearly 12,000 earthquakes southwest of Tokyo will continue to produce tremors up to 6.0 on the Richter scale, but won't lead to the big one.

The quakes, most too weak to be felt but some reaching 5.4 on the Richter scale, began rattling the scenic Izu Peninsula on July 26, shattering windows, cracking plaster and disrupting schedules of numerous high speed trains during the busy summer holiday season.

Although an annual occurrence in the popular hot springs region some 100 miles (160 km) southwest of Tokyo, the temblors this year are the strongest in a decade, seismologists said.

The last big quake to hit the peninsula measured 7.0 on the open-ended Richter scale on Jan. 16, 1978, leaving 25 people dead.

**Warned**

Since 1983, the government has warned that Japan's next great quake would occur in the same Tokai region, which embraces Mt. Fuji as well as the peninsula studded with more than 100 sulphur hot springs along with popular beaches.

The killer quake, according to the prediction, would equal the 8.3 intensity of the great Kanto earthquake that leveled Tokyo and Yokohama on Sept. 1, 1923, killing more than 140,000 people.

**Crowding blamed for jetty collapse**

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 2. (UPI): The agency responsible for the maintenance of the ferry jetty which collapsed on Sunday, killing at least 31 people and injuring 800 others, denied today it was negligent and blamed over-crowding for the disaster.

"The platform collapsed because there was a large concentration of people moving in a crowd towards a ferry," said Penang port commission chairman Syed Mohamad Aidid.

"My officers tried to control them but there was pushing and shoving as about 1,000 people rushed to board the ferry," he said in a telephone interview from the west coast resort island of Penang.

He said the wooden pier was jammed with people trying to catch a ferry from the port town of Butterworth across to Penang in time for the Goddess of Mercy, Chinese religious festival.

"There was no negligence on the part of the port commission," Syed Mohamad said. "The last safety check was done two months ago."

Initial reports suggested that the 32-year-old platform gave way when bolts holding the wooden floor boards together slipped sending people crashing onto a lower deck and onto cars and

**Soviet general praises Afghan troops****Army can defend Afghanistan**

MOSCOW, Aug 2. (Reuter): A senior Soviet general said today the Afghan Army was now a Steele fighting force and could defend the country against Muslim rebels without foreign support.

Colonel-General Vladimir Vostrov, for years senior Soviet adviser with the Afghan forces, told the Defence Ministry newspaper Red Star his view was shared "by everyone who has a close knowledge of the situation in Afghanistan..."

**Offensive**

"I must underline that the Afghan Army has grown in number in recent years, has become stronger ideologically and has acquired the necessary battle experience," Vostrov said.

"This all enables it to solve independently the task of defending the achievements of the Afghan people."

In a separate report from the official Tass news agency, Red

Star quoted a senior Afghan commander as denying reports from Western diplomats in Islamabad that Soviet forces were participating in a sweep against guerrillas near Kabul.

General Shah Nawaz Tanai, chief of Afghanistan's general staff, told a Tass correspondent the Afghan Army was preparing an offensive to clear rebels from around the capital and neighbouring Paghman province.

The drive was necessary "because the recent rocket bombardments (in which dozens of people have been killed or injured) showed the extremists are concentrating forces around Kabul," the general said.

The "liquidation of terrorist groups... will be carried out exclusively by Afghan forces," he added, according to Tass.

And the agency quoted a spokesman for the Soviet command in Afghanistan as saying Soviet forces "are taking no direct part in military operations either in

Kabul province or in any other areas of the country."

In another development, Tass said Pakistan Foreign Minister Sabahzada Yakub Khan was arriving in Moscow on Tuesday night — apparently for talks on the situation in Afghanistan.

Tass said Pakistani support for the Muslim guerrillas fighting for the overthrow of the Kabul administration of President Najibullah was a direct violation of Geneva agreements in April that led to the start of the Soviet troop withdrawal from Afghanistan.

**Terrorism**

"It can be said that at the present time Pakistan has been drawn into direct terrorist activities against the Republic of Afghanistan," Tass said.

The Soviet agency said Moscow officials regarded as "hostile and irresponsible" a recent charge by Pakistani President Zia-ul-Haq that the troop withdrawal had been halted.

"Of course, this falsification by Islamabad was unmasked. The withdrawal of Soviet forces from Afghanistan has not slowed down and is going according to the timetable," Tass added.

In his Red Star interview, Vostrov said he was in total disagreement with another Soviet general who said recently the Kabul government was torn with dissension and would fall when Soviet troops had left the country by early next year.

He said the general, Kim Tsagolov, who had also served as an adviser in Afghanistan in the early 1980s and briefly in 1987, was out of touch with developments there.

Tsagolov made his remarks in an interview with the Moscow weekly Ogonyok. He said what he knew of the state of the Afghan Army gave him no confidence it could keep the government in power when the Soviet troops were gone.



Thatcher in the cockpit of a Royal Flying Doctor Service aircraft in Australia during a visit to the medical airborne service for the thinly populated areas. (Reuter wirephoto)

**Thatcher arrives in Australia**

CANBERRA, Aug 2. (AP): British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher arrived in the Australian capital today on the first official visit to Australia by a serving British leader in 30 years.

Mrs Thatcher and her husband Denis flew aboard a Royal Air Force VC-10 jet transport.

Prime Minister Bob Hawke and his wife, Hazel, met the Thatchers at the Royal Australian Air Force base at Fairbairn, outside Canberra.

After brief welcoming ceremonies, the Thatcher motorcade left for government house, where they met with Governor-General Sir Ninian Stephen.

Mrs Thatcher earlier in the day condemned an Irish Republican Army bomb attack on a British Army barracks near her electorate in England, describing it as a negation of democracy.

They were presumed kidnapped but no one claimed responsibility. There have been unconfirmed reports they were killed.

Mrs Thatcher made the comments during her tour of the broadcasting headquarters of the Alice Springs School of the Air, which carries school lessons to children on cattle stations and settlements in the remote outback.

"Given Syria's severe economic situation, the military readiness and motivation for another war remind one of a hungry family that uses its last pennies to buy a pistol instead of a loaf of bread," he said.

**Compensation remains main issue****US bases talks resume in Manila**

MANILA, Aug 2. (UPI): Negotiators were "back in business" after talks resumed today between Philippine and US officials following a week-long standoff over payments the United States makes for American military bases.

Foreign Secretary Raul Manglapus and US Ambassador Nicholas Platt met at the Department of Foreign Affairs almost a week after the Philippine side stormed out of the talks upset over the US offer.

Neither side would say whether the Americans had budged from what the Philippines had called their "inflexible" response to demands for a large hike in foreign aid levels.

"But the fact they agreed to meet, that is something already," said deputy foreign secretary

**Amount**  
Manglapus broke off the talks July 26 saying the sides were so far apart he doubted they could ever get together. He later said he was not prepared to return to the table unless the United States showed it was prepared to be "flexible."

Manila is seeking \$1.2 billion a year in economic, military and commodity aid for the use of the bases, America's largest foreign installations, up from the \$180 million a year promised during the last such review in 1983.

Sources said Manglapus's panel had thought the Americans were prepared to pay close to \$1 billion, but became upset when they found out the figure included \$500 million in local spending and salaries for base workers, amounts that were never before counted as aid.

The talks, which also deal with administrative matters such as perimeter security and working conditions for Filipino base workers, are seen as a precedent for more important talks expected as early as next year on the long-term future of the bases.

For the bases to remain after the current treaty expires in 1991 would require negotiation of a whole new treaty and ratification by the Senates of both countries.

**Hamadi linked to TWA hijacking**

FRANKFURT, Aug 2. (AP): A second witness in the trial of Mohammed Ali Hamadi has directly linked the defendant to the 1985 TWA hijacking to Beirut, according to evidence presented in court today.

Hamadi has been charged with piracy and murder in the June 1985 commandeering of TWA flight 847 to Beirut.

Also today, court spokesman Falk Thomas told reporters that the pilots of the hijacked jet were scheduled to testify in Frankfurt in September.

The law applies only to Muslim students, but children of the minority Buddhist, Hindu and Christian communities would be required to study their respective religions, the official said.

The new law comes amid increasing Islamisation in the country. A law making Islam the national religion was passed earlier this year.

Until the new law was passed, Bangladesh had a secular constitution, which it adopted in 1971 after gaining independence from Pakistan.

The law has been criticised by opposition groups in the country, who term it an attempt by President Hussain Mohammed Ershad to divert attention from charges of misrule and inefficiency.

Asked about the report, Kassim responded: "It could be that I told that to the police."

"Are you afraid to repeat it?" Mueckenberger asked.

"No, but I can't remember now," Kassim told the heavily guarded Frankfurt courtroom.

Kassim said he was a Palestinian

who lived in Lebanon before coming to Germany in 1979. He now lives in the town of Merzig in

**Eight killed in Tamil attacks**

COLOMBO, Aug 2. (Reuter): Five Sinhalese villagers and three Indian soldiers were killed in attacks by Tamil guerrillas in Sri Lanka, officials said today.

A Sri Lankan military official said four members of one family and their servant were hacked to death with knives and swords on Monday in their home in Akkaraiappattu in the east.

The victims were a businessman, his wife, son, daughter-in-law and a servant, all members of Sri Lanka's majority Sinhalese community.

The official said the guerrillas were probably trying to drive away the few Sinhalese people living in Akkaraiappattu. Most of whose residents are minority Tamils and Muslims.

An Indian High Commission spokeswoman said three Indian soldiers were killed and four wounded in an explosion set off by Tamil separatist guerrillas in the northern district of Vavuniya on Monday.

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Investigators go through the rubble of the crashed ferry terminal searching for the cause of the disaster. (Reuter wirephoto)

## New US envoy to Saudi Arabia

RIYADH, Aug 2. (AP): US Ambassador-designate Walter L. Cutler has arrived and will resume his former post as envoy to Saudi Arabia as soon as King Fahd accepts and approves his credentials, embassy diplomats said today.

"No decision has been made regarding when his credentials will be presented," said a US embassy spokesman who cannot be named under standing rules.

Until then, deputy chief of mission David J. Dunford will continue to handle all official contacts, according to the spokesman.

Cutler left the Kingdom in July 1987 after a three-year tour of duty and was replaced by Hume Horan, who was called back to Washington "on consultations" last March.

For the past year, Cutler has been diplomat-in-residence at Georgetown University in Washington DC.

A career foreign service officer, he has also served as ambassador to Tunisia and Zaire and has held various other State Department posts in Washington and overseas since 1957.

## Re-examination demanded

By Faisal Al Quenae

THE lawyer defending the "Firdous Rambo" has demanded that the body of the security man killed during the hostage drama be re-examined in order to determine the calibre of the weapon used and the exact cause of his death.

The 21-year-old victim died in hospital, several days after being hit in the head by a bullet during an exchange of fire with the accused, who had taken his family hostage and threatened to kill them.

The lawyer, Fahad Naser Al Ajmi has demanded that the jury visit the site of the incident and that his client be referred to a psychiatrist for examination.

In the trial session held the day before yesterday, Al Ajmi submitted several documents and reports to justify his demands. The session continued for three hours, at the end of which the court set Aug 14 as the date on which sentence will be passed.

The prosecution tabled several accusations against the man, the most serious of which were premeditated murder, kidnapping, keeping hostages, use of arms, destruction of government property, attempted murder and endangering public safety.

## Houses to be distributed

THE National Housing Authority (NHA) has asked citizens who submitted applications for houses in Rabi'a area and land allotments in Firdous, Fintas and Qurain, to contact the authority for completion of procedures according to the assistant director general Fareed Al Ajeeb.

He added that Rabi'a project consists of 490 houses, and distribution of 1,285 land allotments in the Firdous area and 638 land allotments in Qurain will be undertaken.

Al Ajeeb said that citizens who applied prior to October 1981 will be allocated these houses and lands as from the end of this year.

## US arms for Kuwait

### Composition of Maverick sale will be changed

WASHINGTON, Aug 2. (Reuter): A dispute between Congress and the administration that threatened to derail a planned \$1.9-billion military sale to Kuwait may be on the way to being resolved, officials and congressional aides said yesterday.

"Strip"

The proposed sale, which includes 40 F-18 warplanes and a variety of missiles, had aroused opposition in Congress because of fears the weapons could be used against Israel.

In an action that administra-

tions officials said jeopardised the whole deal, the Senate three weeks ago voted 75-15 for an amendment by Senator Dennis DeConcini, an Arizona Democrat, to strip 300 Maverick missiles from the package.

Under a proposed com-

promise the composition of the Maverick sale would be changed and the administration would provide Congress with assurances designed to remove concerns that the planes could be used against Israel.

Under the original deal,

Kuwait was to buy 200 model D Mavericks used primarily to destroy tanks and 100 new model G Mavericks intended for use against larger targets including warships. Both types of missile are infrared guided.

**Assurance**

Under the compromise Kuwait would buy 300 Maverick G missiles.

Last year Congress blocked administration plans to sell 1,600 Maverick D missiles to Saudi Arabia. The Maverick G has not previously been sold abroad.

The compromise also includes assurances that the delivery of the Mavericks would be delayed until the F-18s were operational. Officials say the planes could not be delivered before three years' time.

In addition, the compromise contains assurances that Kuwait could not base the planes outside of the country, that their range could not be extended with aerial refueling equipment, and that the sale would not set a precedent for selling arms to another country.

## Japan will send envoy to Iraq, Iran

TOKYO, Aug 2. (AP): Japan will send a special envoy to Iran and Iraq to deliver Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita's letter urging the two warring Gulf states to work for peace in the Middle East, a Foreign Ministry official said today.

The official quoted Foreign Minister Sosuke Uno as saying today that Deputy Foreign Minister Takakazu Kuriyama would travel to Tehran on Saturday and Sunday to meet with the Speaker of Iran's Parliament, Hashemi Rafsanjani.

Kuriyama then would go to Baghdad for talks on Aug 9-10 with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, Uno was quoted as saying.

Uno said without elaborating that the letter from Takeshita urges Iran and Iraq to accept a United Nations resolution calling for a ceasefire in their nearly one-year-old war.

Kuriyama also will meet with UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar in New York, and with senior US State Department official Michael H. Armacost in Washington on Aug 12, Uno said.

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He also pointed out that the fourth stage of the telephone network development project had been completed and that the fifth stage would be under way in the near future.

## Burnt to death

MANAMA, Aug 2. (GNA): Two Indian workers sleeping in their room in the Muhamra area were burnt to death in a fire which broke out in the early hours of yesterday morning. A Bangladeshi worker, who later tried to commit suicide by drinking acid, is suspected of starting the fire.

One of the men died instantly, whilst the other made an unsuccessful attempt to escape. Police are investigating the incident.

Statistically, 19,526 Kuwaiti boys, 20,315 Kuwaiti girls, 12,081 non-Kuwaiti boys and 11,672 non-Kuwaiti girls will study in the area.

This makes a percentage of 62.6 Kuwaiti pupils. Kuwaiti male teachers will account for 639 professionals and 1,397 will be Kuwaiti female teachers, with

## ROYAL COURT

### Amiri audience

HH the Amir yesterday received HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah.

### Crown Prince audiences

HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah yesterday received Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah and Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed.

HH also received the Brazilian Ambassador to Kuwait Raymundo de Castro who took permission to leave after ending his mission in Kuwait.

Sheikh Saad later received the Algerian Ambassador to Kuwait Hasnawi Khalidi who called off the end of his mission here.

## Preparing for the new academic year

1,146 non-Kuwaiti male and 2,933 non-Kuwaiti female teachers.

Kuwaiti teachers would, thus, constitute 49.5 per cent of total number of teachers in the area.

### Pressure

Al Sulaihem said about 63,600 pupils will study in different schools at Farwaniya which would include 5,850 children in kindergartens, 20,000 in the primary section, 22,000 in intermediate schools and 15,900 pupils in secondary schools.

The area has begun preparations to open an intermediate school for boys during the new academic year, he added.

### Sheikh Nawaf meets envoy

KUWAIT'S Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed yesterday received the French Ambassador to Kuwait Marcel L'Angel on the occasion of ending his mission in Kuwait. Cordial talks were exchanged during the meeting.

## Secret offshore bases act as strong deterrent

### ABOARD A MOBILE SEA BASE IN THE GULF, Aug 2. (AP):

Two weeks of tacit ceasefire in the Gulf's "tanker war" is no proof of peace for the sweltering warriors aboard Winbrown 7, one of two super-secret US Navy barges in the northern waterway.

By day, heavily armed patrol boats manned by navy commandos known as Seals continue to check out suspicious-looking dhows and fishing craft that venture too close, or could be sowing mines.

At night, specially-equipped Army helicopters make fleeting silhouettes as they skim over the water in near-silence, observing shipping activity with night-vision gear that reveals even the smallest craft or bit of flotsam in glistening green detail.

**Concerned**

"As far as we're concerned, nothing's changed," said the commander of Winbrown 7, a Navy officer identifying himself only as "Gary." "Until we hear otherwise, we'll just continue to operate as we have been."

Winbrown 7 is one of two commercial barges hired by the Navy ten months ago as "mobile sea bases" to help support "Operation Earnest Will," to help US-flagged Kuwaiti tankers.

Equipped with military communications gear and a variety of weaponry including some not found on US warships, the bases

were conceived as a stopgap measure after both Kuwait and Saudi Arabia rejected US requests for land bases.

But American officers say a subsequent decline in Iranian attacks on neutral shipping in the northern Gulf has shown the barges have a "deterrence effect" far beyond original expectations.

"If anybody had known how well this idea would work they might have put them out here anyway," said an officer, speaking on condition he not be identified.

The barges, flying the Panamanian flag, are anchored in international waters outside Saudi Arabia's 12-mile limit and within 40 miles (64 kilometres) of Farsi Island, a base used by Iran's speedboat-borne revolutionary guards to attack ships bound to and from Kuwait and Saudi ports.

Attacks around Farsi tapered off in late 1987, and none was reported until just weeks before Iran's July 18 acceptance of a United Nations ceasefire proposal.

No attacks by Iraq or Iran have been reported anywhere in the Gulf since.

US officers say neither Winbrown 7 nor Hercules, the other barge farther north, has ever been directly threatened, but their mysterious helicopters and patrol boats have delivered enough surprises to discourage

Iranian ship attacks and mining.

"From what we can determine, Iran has been unable to lay mines or attack shipping to the extent it did before, and has had to focus its efforts elsewhere," said "Alex," another officer serving aboard Winbrown 7.

Even so, he said, the Iranians presumably know the barges exist. "We're in their backyard, and we don't think they're foolish or stupid," he said.

The barges are protected by a ring of floating anti-missile reflectors, which reportedly generate a radar image several times their actual size to fool incoming missiles.

Except for those and the guns, the barges resemble the many oil platforms and seagoing derricks that dot the Gulf waters.

Their existence was acknowledged by Washington officials last year, but Gulf-based officers have refused to discuss the operation, or its cost.

A senior Navy officer whose responsibilities include the entire Gulf said the barges are so security-conscious that "nobody's welcome there—not even us."

The reception was coolly polite, but some officers barely concealed their anger that top Defence Department officials have refused to expose secret operation to outsiders, especially news media.

The Army helicopter commander, a lieutenant colonel prefaced his briefing of the visitors by saying: "First, I want

to know why we're doing this."

He expressed concern that publicity could endanger his pilots' lives. And because they operate only at night, he refused to allow a daytime flight for the benefit of the television camera.

The helicopters, highly-classified versions of the OH-58 Scout aircraft, recently replaced smaller MH-6 "Seabats" that had flown off ships and barges since last year.

One pilot said the helicopters are so stealthy that fishermen and others in small craft rarely spot them, if ever.

"I've watched them pulling in their nets, but I've never seen them look up. As far as I can tell they never know we're here," he said.

On a daytime run with the journalists aboard, the Seals' 65-foot (20-metre) Mark III patrol boat did not use its police-type red flasher, but sailors manned weapons as it skirted within a mile (1.6 kilometre) of a fishing dhow.

"This is routine, but boats like this can lay mines or do any number of things, so we have to check 'em out," said one of the highly trained commandos, whose presence in the Gulf has been another military quiescent.

A sign in the patrol boat's cockpit said: "This operation is so secret that even I don't know what I'm doing."

istant law college dean said that Kuwait's rapid commercial development during the past few years necessitated enacting laws to prevent cheating in commercial transactions.

He said the Minister of Commerce was empowered to close shops which violated administrative laws and in certain circumstances, their trade licences could be withdrawn.

The head of the commercial protection department in the Ministry of Commerce Riya Mulla Hussain said that consumers are urged to take notice of the source and kind of product including dates of manufacture and expiry and called upon residents to report any incidents of cheating or other commercial malpractices.

Cheating could take many different forms, but, Kuwaiti law makers have enacted laws to confront and prevent cheating.

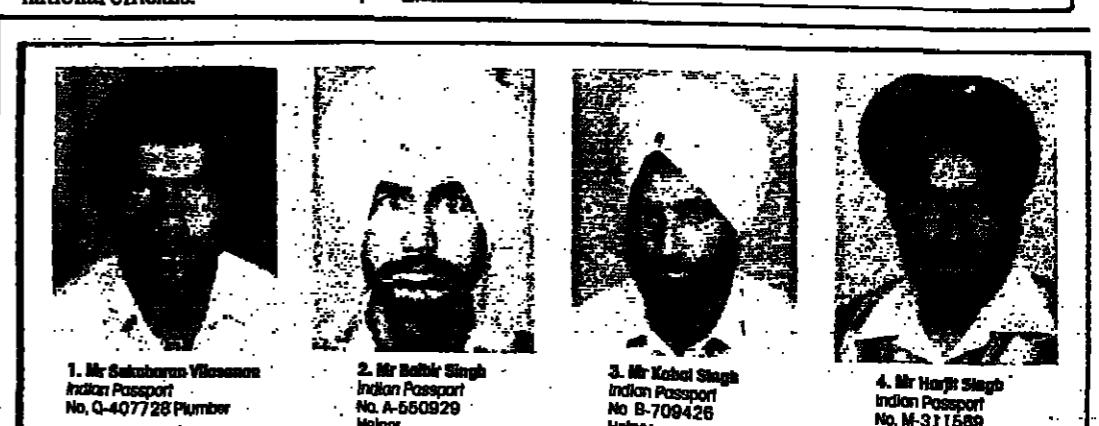
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## Iraq, Iran lobby Gulf states

BAHRAYN, Aug 2. (Reuter): Iran and Iraq are waging a diplomatic campaign to win the backing of Gulf Arab states for their stands on ceasefire negotiations at the United Nations.

Top Iraqi officials went to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Bahrain today while Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Ali Mohammad Besharati made a second stop in the UAE after visiting Oman and Qatar.

### Delivered

Reports by official news agencies on their visits gave no details of their missions except to say they delivered messages from their presidents about implementing UN Security Council Resolution 598 ordering a Gulf war ceasefire.

But a Gulf-based diplomat said: "One can imagine both sides are intensely seeking support for positions presented at the United Nations."

Iran's UN envoy said yesterday that announcement of a ceasefire was being delayed only by Iraq's insistence that direct talks between Baghdad and Tehran must be held first. Tehran says direct talks are possible only after a ceasefire is in place.

Baghdad maintains that face-to-face negotiations are the only way to establish whether Iran is sincere in seeking peace or whether it wants a ceasefire merely as a delaying tactic before renewing the war.

## Iraq lowers infant mortality rate

GENEVA, Aug 2. (KUNA): Iraq's current five-year health plan had produced impressive results in reducing infant mortality rates, according to the United Nations Children's Fund, UNICEF.

At a Geneva briefing following a recent two-week trip to Iraq UNICEF official Dan Allen noted that when the 1985 plan was launched, 72 out of every 1,000 children born in Iraq died within a year.

Some 15 years before that the rate had been as high as 140 per 1,000, because of the then almost

non-existent public health

## EVENTS

By Shaun Seakins

**BEETLEJUICE** has an unusual twist on the ever popular possession theme: nice young ghost couple cannot scare obnoxious humans from their home, exorcist sought. In an oddly amusing story, the main characters, Adam and Barbara (Alan Baldwin and Veena Davies) return to their Victorian house after a car accident to discover they are dead. Everything is fine except that they cannot leave the house and have difficulties understanding their Handbook for the Recently Deceased.

Their problems are exacerbated when a well-to-do New York family buys the house and the callous wife decides to redecorate. Nothing Barbara and Adam can do, from images of decapitations to floating around under designer sheets, seems to dissuade the New Yorkers. Only the family's rather weird daughter (Winona Ryder) can see the ghosts and she likes them. Despite the advice of their case-worker from the beyond, the couple seeks the advice of a rogue spirit named Betelgeuse (Michael

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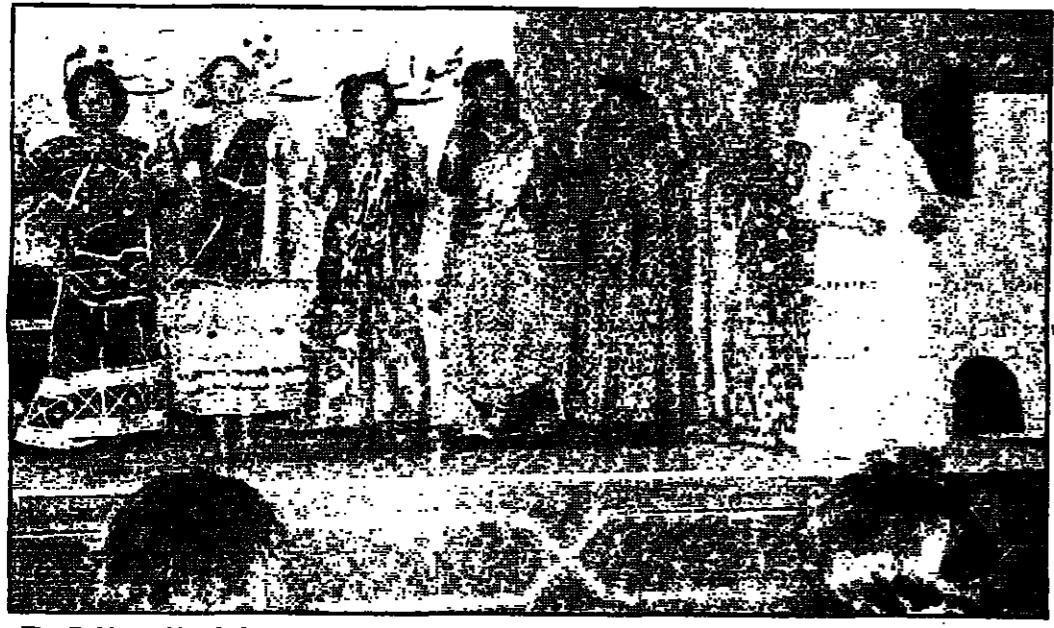
## Broken dreams and shattered china

Keaton), a disgustingly amoral and not very nice ghost.

The film is peppered with outrageous bursts of horror and some spectacular special effects which contrast with the calm demeanour of Adam and Barbara. The comedy element is derived from an odd mix of social comment, silliness and shocks, with the funniest sequence combining all three at a stuffy dinner party where the possessed guests lip-sync the song Day-O and the prawn cocktails jump out to grab them.

## Fatal

Although at times quite revolting, *Beetlejuice*'s off-beat humour has apparently found an audience, and finished a surprising first at the box office in

Michael Keaton in *Beetlejuice*.

The Pakistan Youth Association recently arranged an evening of golden oldies: 'Bhooli Bisre Naagmoon Ke Ek Sham.' The programme was staged at the Dainya Co-op auditorium.

## WHAT'S ON

## ARTS

## Tareq Rajab Museum

The museum in Jabiya houses a collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timmings are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, Sat thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

## Islamic Arts Museum

The museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 8.30 am to 12.30 noon and 4.30 to 7.30 pm, Saturday to Thursday. A collection of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.

## Kuwait Science Museum

The museum will be open to the public every evening from 5 pm and from 9 am on Friday.

## SOCIAL

## Summer Belle 88

The United Goans Centre will hold their annual Summer Belle 88 contest on August 11 at the SAS Hotel's The Tent. The gala event marks the 10th anniversary of UGC. Entertainment includes music by Stepping Stones and City Limits. For further details contact Tony Gonsalves — 2612024 or Joe Fernandes 5655140.

## D'Assunta Association

The association will hold a social evening-cum-varity show on August 11 at Messilah Beach Hotel. The event is part of the 40th anniversary of Indian independence. Top Ranks and Next of Kin will be in attendance. For details contact Leena — 2469811, 9.30 am to 5 pm; Henry 3291919 (am) 3717346 (pm) or August in 5746754 after 6 pm.

**Y.M.C.A.** The Y.M.C.A. will present the "Come September Ball" at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel on September 1. Highlights include the selection of the Queen of Queens. Top Ranks will be in attendance.

## German-speaking Cultural Association

The regular coffee mornings for ladies will continue on a small scale during the summer months. Coffee mornings will be held on Sunday, August 7 at Kuwait Hilton's La Patisserie from 10 am on those days. All German-speaking women are welcome.

## Onam Festival

The Viswabarathi Theatres, Abbasiya, will celebrate Onam on Aug 25 at the Indian Arts Circle. IAC President M. Mathews will be the chief patron. The programme comprises Onam songs, Mohiniyattam, classical dances, Thiruvathirakkali, folk dances, light music, one-act play, boat race and Kerala rural arts. Those interested in taking part contact Lazar Varghese — 4314511; Thomas Perumpilly — 4810490 ext. 2422973.

## Varca Sporting Centre

Varca Sporting Centre will organise an evening of games and entertainment at the Tent SAS on September 22, 1988. Music will be provided by Top Ranks and Next of Kin. Further details later.

## Bangladesh variety show

Bangladeshi children will present a variety performance in mid-September. The date and venue will be announced later. Those interested in taking part, please contact Jayati or Farzana.

## HOTELS

## At the Holiday Inn

Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop offers Continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to 1 am; a la carte also offered. Fresh pastries and cakes can be bought every day at the Viennese Cafe. Light refreshments are available at the Hang Babylon Gardens.

On Wednesday, join the Shazad barbecue at the poolside; there will be games, prizes and surprises. On Thursday, enjoy music and food at the Arabian Night at the Al

Andalus Supper Club. Al Dana offers a special treat for children at the Friday brunch, open from 11 am to 3 pm.

The recreation club has new fitness courses in aerobics, swimming, yoga and weight-lifting, all manned by professional instructors.

## At the Sheraton

Enjoy Italian cuisine and live entertainment by the Sienna's Duo at the Riccaro restaurant. Riccardo is closed on Fridays.

Al Hambra features authentic Lebanese cuisine every Sunday and seafood specialities on Wednesday nights; a sumptuous buffet is offered on Fridays. Live entertainment is provided by the Lords.

The Hunt Room offers a variety of meat and fish preparations and live music by solo harpist Harp Dreams.

Arab world specialities are available every Thursday evening at Le Tarboche. A buffet lunch and dinner is offered on Fridays.

The Coffee Shop features a wide range of international cuisine and has a daily special.

## At the Hilton

La Palma has introduced a new 12-day buffet cycle featuring Arab and international specialities; open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner, from 6:30 am to midnight.

Buffet meals are also offered at the Failaika restaurant. The Magnetic Band provides live music in the evenings. Open everyday 12:30-3 pm and 7:30-11:30 pm.

Ice-cream, cold drinks and this week's special — baked cheese cake — are available at La Patisserie. Open daily from 10:30 am - 10:45 pm.

## At the Ramada

El Bendar Coffee Shop offers continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to 12 midnight; a la carte also featured.

The take-away counter, opened daily from 4 pm to 11 pm, offers a selection of Arabic sandwiches and snacks.

The Lobby Lounge offers a selection of coffee, tea, juice, cakes and pastries.

## At the Continental

The Darbar offers a daily lunch buffet with a wide range of Indian kebabs and curries. A la carte for dinner.

## At the Meridien

La Brasserie offers Friday brunch from 12 noon to 4 pm; also open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Beat the summer heat with cool juices offered in the lobby lounge; musical entertainment is provided in the evenings.

## SPORTS

## IVth Winners Cup cricket tournament

The YMC will hold the Al Kuwait Open IVth Winners Cup cricket tournament, beginning September. It will be played on Fridays and holidays at the KOC ground, Al Hamra.

Teams wishing to participate can contact Joe D'Sa, Tel: 3981790, 3-5 pm; 3924639, 5-8 pm.

## PBAK bowling tournament

The PBAK inter-commercial bowling tournament will be held in the second week of August. All companies wishing to take part are requested to register on or before August 7 at the 300 Club. For details contact PBAK director Sarah Macarthur 4344347.

## Boy's Own Club

Boy's Own Club will organise a seven-a-side one-day football festival on the holiday declared to mark the Prophet's birthday (October 22/23). Interested teams can contact Milagres 3967446 or Joe D'Souza 4813622.

## Kuwait Nomads

Kuwait Nomads pre-season training starts Sunday August 7 at 7:30 pm. All are welcome. For details contact 5642599.

## ★ All entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex (22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursday, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

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Kiefer Sutherland and Meg Ryan in *Promised Land*.

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Boy's Own Club will organise a seven-a-side one-day football festival on the holiday declared to mark the Prophet's birthday (October 22/23). Interested teams can contact Milagres 3967446 or Joe D'Souza 4813622.

## Kuwait Nomads

Kuwait Nomads pre-season training starts Sunday August 7 at 7:30 pm. All are welcome. For details contact 5642599.

## ★ All entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex (22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursday, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

## Guttenberg graduates

By Stu Schreiberg

STEVE GUTTENBERG, 29, casually chic in Miami Vice-style garb — black tank top, blazer, boots, grey pleated slacks — has ambitious career plans.

"I want to be a great film actor," he says simply. "I'd like to put out two good films a year, and in eight years people will turn around and say, 'Wow, I didn't realise Guttenberg did so much... He sort of snuck up on us.' Then I'll be considered part of the film establishment."

Many would argue that he already is. Since he made his debut as a sex-starved teen in *The Chicken Chronicles*, Guttenberg has co-starred in films that collectively have grossed a staggering \$750 million. True, many fell tragically short of critics' top ten lists — most notably the *Police Academy* send-ups of the American bumbling boys in blue. But in between the duds have been critical darlings such as *Diner*, *Cocoon*, and the phenomenally popular *Three Men and a Baby*.

"I don't think the studios know what to make of me," Guttenberg says of his chequered ten-year career.

"There are the guys who say I'm only good for comedy, others who think I can do drama as a solid lead. I hope I'm the romantic leading man who can play thriller or comedy."

He still remembers the sound career advice veteran actor Hume Cronyn gave during shooting for *Cocoon*.

"I asked, 'What suggestions would you give a young actor?' He said, 'I could tell you to learn about Olivier, a man of substance. Or I could tell you to go to the Royal Academy and spend time walking the boards of Sir John (Gielgud) and Sir Ralph (Richardson). Or I could tell you what I've always followed: save your money.'

He has. Guttenberg dumped his fire-engine red 308 Ferrari six months ago and began puttering along in a rented Dodge Colt. "I love the anonymity of this Colt. When people see that it's me, they have a triple heart attack."

Low on flash, high on common sense, he always knew what he wanted to do for a living and two days after he graduated from high school, he headed to Hollywood. He got a few minor parts on TV. Discouraged, he decided to return to New York and train to be a dentist.

He left behind no cheerleading squad of agents and publicists, but for some reason that Guttenberg himself still can't explain, Hollywood casting

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES



L.A. Law will be shown on KTV 2 at 10:30 pm.

## KTV 1

## 9:00 Holy Quran

## 9:10 Good-morning

## 9:30 Space Adventures

## 10:00 News Summary

## 10:15 Dawa Lil Hub

## 11:15 Al Dunyah Al Salam: local serial

## 11:30 Growing Pains: "Gone But Not Forgotten"

The Seavers get worried when their house is attacked by thieves.

8:00 News in English

O'Hara: "Fagin, All Over Again" O'Hara and his assistant Sheaver receive an invitation to the museum, where they are received by two persons in official uniforms who take the keys to Sheaver's new car in order to park it ... but even they even have a secret

9:30 Wildlife On One: "Odd Noses of Borneo" The proboscis monkey is named thus because of its huge and pendulous nose but nobody knows why its nose grows so big...

10:00 Sledge Hammer: "The Last of The Red Hot Vampires" An assistant director plans to exploit the alleged death of an actor who plays the role of a vampire.

10:30 L.A. Law: Kozak wants a tobacco company to pay compensation for damages while Victor purchases a car at a very high price...

## 12:20 Holy Quran/Closedown

## KTV 2

## 6:00 Holy Quran

## 6:10 Inspector Gadget

## 6:30 The Kids of Degrassi Street: "Jeffery Finds A Friend"

Connie competes with Jeffery in maths, but both realise that

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## Thought for today

If you wish to succeed, consult three old people — Chinese saying.

## OPINION

### King Hussein knows how to handle things

CONSISTENTLY, King Hussein's banner has proclaimed that he is only interested in the grapes and not in killing the caretaker.

The West Bank constitutes the grapes that King Hussein, a man well versed in world diplomacy, desires, irrespective of the fact that these grapes are in the Jordanian basket or in a separate Palestinian entity.

Since the 1967 defeat, King Hussein has been fiercely fighting on several fronts, including, Arab-Arab, Arab-international and Arab-Israeli fronts.

However, in every instance, the king has given priority to accede to the Arab demands, although, in some cases, these demands sometimes were unwise and fatal. Nevertheless, he still firmly believes that Jordan has no choice, but to accept what Arabs desire.

In 1967 and during the Khartoum Arab summit, the late President Gamal Abdul Nasser asked King Hussein to work towards regaining the West Bank — even if he had to deal with the devil.

Arab leaders supported such a view and the international arena was well-prepared for such an action had it been declared that the West Bank was part of Jordan.

Unfortunately, contradicting Arab interests compelled the king to halt activities in this direction, although, he was achieving some tangible results.

When it was even said that the West Bank is not a part of Jordan, King Hussein positively accepted this statement by stating that "what is important, is to get the grapes primarily, and other issues could be negotiated among Arabs."

At the time, all were against King Hussein and he put a stop to all his activities.

After that, the Arabs had a long wait. Then, the king proposed several formulas that in his opinion were in keeping with the then prevailing international situation.

Once again these formulas came to nought due to the solid closed wall which typically characterises the inter-Arab relations.

As matters stand, King Hussein has positively responded to the PLO demand and cut administrative and legal relations with the West Bank.

Undoubtedly, there will be international reactions — negative and positive. What is significant is that the king has disassociated himself with the West Bank, thus, leaving the Arabs to solve the issue once again, whether it be by way of procuring the grapes, or killing the caretaker.

During the past 40 years, the demand to kill the caretaker made the Arabs miss many opportunities. They could neither get the grapes nor kill the caretaker.

We now find ourselves accepting what we refused yesterday when our enemies accepted it then, but, refuse to accept the same today.

We have been mired in ill-planning for the past 40 years which is directly responsible for the exhaustion clearly etched on the face of King Hussein.

But, we still believe he is the man to obtain the grapes without the need for killing the caretaker.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

### Poisoning brings sorrow to Taiwan

By Andrew Quinn

TAYA, Taiwan. (Reuters): The poison first struck at a school for the blind, covering children and teachers in angry rashes and boils that would not go away.

More than 2,000 people were affected by contaminated cooking oil in 1979, the worst case of industrial poisoning in Taiwan's history. This month, a team of doctors released a report which said poisoned women were giving birth to deformed and retarded babies.

"I began to feel tingling in my arms and legs, and then I started getting boils on my face and across my chest," said Mei Tan, a 31-year-old mathematics teacher at the Hui Ming School in Taya, in central Taiwan.

"We looked at the students and we looked at each other and we were all covered with these painful bumps," she said.

Mei has since married a man who is also a victim of the poison. She is frightened of giving birth to a deformed baby.

The poison is called polychlorinated biphenyls, or PCB — a cheap chemical compound that is still widely used in Taiwan as a heat conductor.

**Lodges**

Scientists believe it lodges in the body's fat cells.

About 160 babies were born to PCB victims between 1979 and 1985, according to the medical report by a group of American and Taiwan doctors. Some were stillborn; others died shortly after birth.

Many of the surviving children suffer from abnormalities of the skin, teeth, and lungs and a weak immune system that leaves them open to infection. They are also slow learners.

Sitting in the bright, modern schoolhouse set amid the lush rice paddies of rural Taiwan, Mei

did not seem bitter. Her face is pitted with scars from her numerous bouts of acne, but her smile is that of a young woman happy with her job and her marriage.

Other victims have not been so lucky. Many left their homes after neighbours and friends mistakenly feared infection, Mei said. Others were driven to divorce and suicide.

"The children are the most pitiful," Mei said, referring to the 150 students at her school who were all affected in various degrees by the poison.

**Blind**

"They are blind, so they already have limited opportunities. Now they are scarred and weak as well — what kind of jobs can they get?"

It has taken Taiwan nine years to ban PCB in food factories, and even now the order has no legal weight until it is passed by the legislature in October.

The Taiwan poisoning was the second incident of large-scale PCB contamination. A similar outbreak involving cooking oil poisoned about 1,400 people in January in 1968.

"We really don't have any idea how to treat this disease. All we can do is treat the symptoms and hope the PCBs wash out on their own," Wu Ying-Chin, a doctor at National Taiwan University hospital said.

PCB victims have tried Western drugs, acupuncture, Chinese herbal remedies and voluntary "hunder cures" to try to remove the poison, but nothing has worked, Wu said.

None of the victims has received any compensation from the factory that produced the oil, which was declared bankrupt. The two owners were sentenced to jail terms of five and 10 years. One has since died and the other has been released.

## Turning into economic superpower

By John Yemma

LONDON: In five years, a tunnel will link Britain with the Continent. In four years, Europe plans to become one vast, lucrative economic zone.

That combination, Britain's Margaret Thatcher told British businessmen recently, "is going to make historic difference to the future of the whole of Europe, and its place in the world, and our place in Europe."

There were no murmurs of disbelief, even though the change must seem astounding to the millions of Europeans who still can recall the destructive war — the second in this century alone — that reduced Europe to rubble only 43 years ago. They remember the hunger, the homelessness, the deep hatred. To talk of a United Europe in the wake of World War II was to be, at best, idealistic.

"It is not a dream," Thatcher assured her audience. "It is not a vision... It is for real, and it is only five years away."

An hour's flight from London, a dozen flags of old enemies flap in front of the Brussels office park that is the headquarters of a rapidly uniting Europe. There is a 13th, too — royal blue with a circle of 12 stars, looking curiously like an early American flag minus the stripes. It is the flag of the European Economic Community.

### Superpower

After decades of struggling to work together, the 12 leading nations of Western Europe have suddenly launched a bold campaign to put aside national rivalries, reinvigorate the European Economic Community (EEC), create a true Common Market, and turn Europe into an economic superpower.

What Hitler, Napoleon, and a dozen others tried to win by brute force, business and government are beginning to accomplish through co-operation and commercial competition. Significantly, Europe's two flanking superpowers play little part in

this. The Europeans are uniting on their own, aiming to create a home market from which to compete with Americans and Asian markets.

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The buzzword in Europe today is "1992." It's on magazine covers, billboards, television commercials. It is instantly understood here as the year when the 12 nations of the EEC become a single, borderless internal market. The key changes would include:

- Removing thousands of clever, invisible barriers to trade inside the Common Market — especially eliminating frontier delays, paperwork jams, and freight-hauling restrictions.
- Freeing capital flows so that money can go anywhere in the 12 countries.
- Bringing greater uniformity to the countries' value-added and excise taxes.
- Making sure European workers can practice trades and professions anywhere in the Community.
- Ending "sweetheart deals" for government procurement and opening bidding to anybody in any EEC country.

### Efficiency

European ministers met in June at a summit in Hannover, West Germany, to further the process. Powerful ammunition for their single-market cause came this spring in the form of a painstaking economic analysis headed by Italian economist Paolo Cecchini. It says that just by integrating markets and achieving more efficiency, European economic output will increase by 4 per cent. For a region beset by chronic unemployment and slow growth, such a rosy economic scenario is very attractive.

A rival report by Data Resources Inc., which figures political reaction might dampen the 1992 drive, estimates only a 0.3 to 0.5 per cent economic gain.

Political reaction within Europe is somewhat predictable, given the inefficient factors that would be threatened in a borderless Europe. Displaced workers and capital flight — money leaving nations such as France for higher returns in West Germany — also will present problems.

Finally, any more loss of national sovereignty and identity could be hard to swallow. For individual nations that ruled the waves, populated the Americas, and contributed immensely to Western law, literature, and civilization, merging into Europeaness is not done lightly.

Yet almost everyone agrees it must be done so that European companies can achieve the global size and clout to be able to withstand competition from abroad.

By Dec. 31, 1992, some 300 legal changes will have dissolved

most trade barriers that divide France, West Germany, Britain, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Denmark, Belgium, Greece, Ireland, the Netherlands, and Luxembourg. Many are being phased in already. By the mid-'90s, the European market will begin to approximate the well-oiled commercial system of America's 50 states.

At a minimum, being European will soon mean being a member of a lucrative 325-million-person market. That will give Europe exceptional clout in world trade — and in world policy emanates from Brussels.

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oeuvre of individual governments and strengthens the EEC."

Emboldened by its growing political power, the EEC is acting less like a well-meaning but ineffective trade association and more like the central government of this continent. Already, steps toward 1992 have entailed an unprecedented ceding of national sovereignty from 10 Downing Street, the Elysee, the Bundestag, and other power centres to EEC headquarters at the Berlaymont in Brussels. Already, all trade policy emanates from Brussels.

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The Christian Science Monitor News Service.

## Hussein forces PLO to act

### Move to create a Palestinian state

By David Alexander

when PLO leader Yasser Arafat, who enjoys popular support in the West Bank, was expected to arrive in Amman for talks with Hussein.

Since the 1967 war between Arab and Israeli forces, Jordan and the PLO have competed for the loyalty of West Bank Palestinians, with Amman first fostering the PLO and later driving it from the kingdom when it became a threat in 1970.

While the PLO has worked to become internationally accepted as the sole voice of the Palestinian people, Jordan has been the pocketbook and the national sponsor for the West Bank, providing salaries for government and religious workers and issuing passports for the natives.

Since the emergence of the PLO after the 1967 war, "the political scene has been dominated by the PLO and not by Jordan," said Saad Erakat, a political scientist at Najah University in the occupied West Bank town of Nablus.

By threatening to cut ties with the West Bank, Hussein forces the PLO to either take over the financial and administrative role in the West Bank or admit Jordan's ties with the population.

Israel, which refuses to deal with the PLO, would be certain to fight a dominant role for the organisation in the West Bank.

And by removing Jordan as an alternative to the PLO, Hussein can temporarily get rid of the divisive problem of the West Bank while keeping his hand in the game as a necessary party in any future international peace conference.

The speech was strategically timed at the beginning of a week

## TODAY IN HISTORY

1500 — Alfonso of Naples, husband of Lucrezia Borgia, is murdered.

1571 — Turks take Famagusta, Cyprus, after 11-month siege and massacre many inhabitants.

1589 — Henry of Navarre succeeds assassinated Henry III as king of France, Henry IV.

1645 — Sweden and Denmark conclude peace at Bromesbro, whereby Danes lose much territory.

1675 — French defeat Dutch and Spanish fleets in Bay of Palermo, and take Sicily.

1742 — British Navy guarding Mediterranean prevents Neapolitans and Spaniards from taking Lombardy.

1767 — Burmese forces invade Siam (Thailand).

1803 — Second Mahratta war against Sindhi of Gwalior begins when British troops open offensive.

1881 — British troops occupy Egyptian town of Suez.

1943 — Anti-Nazi demonstrations are held in Milan, Genoa and other northern Italian cities during World War II.

1956 — Gold Coast League assembly adopts Kwame Nkrumah's resolution demanding independence from Britain.

1958 — Atomic-powered US submarine Nautilus makes first undersea crossing of North Pole.

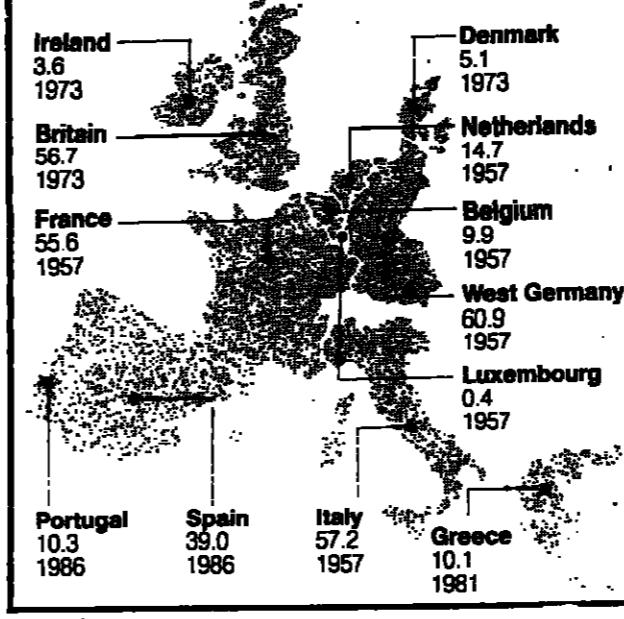
1987 — Homemade bombs explode at four tourist hotels in Tunis, Tunisia, with British and Italian visitors among the injured.

## 1992: the buzzword in Europe today

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### THE EUROPEAN 12

Population in millions; year of entry into EEC



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### What Europe would gain from unity by mid-1990s

- A \$225 billion economic windfall (4.3 percent to 6.4 percent increase in gross domestic product)
- A 6.1 percent decrease in consumer prices
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Indian women: trapped in a vicious circle of ignorance and ignominy

## Gloomy outlook for Indian women

By Moses Manoharan

**NEW DELHI.** (Reuter): For most Indian women, growing up in an overwhelmingly male-dominated society is hell.

But through quirks of culture and history, there are some bright spots in certain parts of India, where women make up 47 per cent of the 800 million population.

"There is a wide disparity in the status of women, depending on the part of India you live in," said Women's Affairs Minister Margaret Alva, who spoke recently at a conference of eminent women from all over the country.

Alva announced a wide-ranging programme to improve the lot of Indian women by the year 2000, through education and job opportunities.

She told the conference the programme also included tough action against the outlawed dowry system, which is blamed for the killing of hundreds of brides annually. It also involved the introduc-

tion of a law to overcome restrictions on maintenance payments for divorced Muslim women.

"For the most part, we live miserable lives. It is hell to grow up in India for the average woman," said sociologist Thakkamana Jacob.

She said in most parts of India women lacked the education to break free from cultural traditions that relegated them to second class status.

But women in Southern

Nair community, had one of the highest literacy rates in the country.

Women are the head of Nair families and are property-owners, rare among Indian women. Their status has influenced other Kerala women to seek parity with men, Jacob said.

Among some of the tribal people of Northern Meghalaya state, only women are allowed to own land and children take their mothers' surnames.

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India and some tribal areas of the North-East were far better off than the majority, enjoying the benefits of a matriarchal tradition and high literacy rates.

Jacob said women in her native southern India state of Kerala, as a result of the influence of the matriarchal

"It is not that we look down on our men. But why should we change? Ours is like a paradise where no child is illegitimate because it always bears the mother's name," said Maya Ram Kyndiah, a Meghalaya social work official.

The picture is gloomy in the northern state of Rajasthan,

where the government is struggling to contain a campaign to promote sati, the outlawed Hindu tradition of a wife immolating herself on her husband's funeral pyre.

Social welfare officials such as Romilla Chopra blame the Hindu doctrine of Karma, in which people are rewarded or punished for their actions in former lives, for the lack of progress of women's rights in India.

"Our dependence on this tradition made women accept their lot without questioning. We are trying to create an awareness against this," said Chopra, of the Central Social Welfare board.

She said evils such as the dowry system, which led to brides being killed if their parents failed to pay enough, was prevalent in Northern India because of higher levels of illiteracy and poverty.

Karma does play a role in our lives. But it shouldn't mean tolerating inhuman traditions," said Chopra.

## Waldorf Chicken salad

1 2-1/2-pound whole roasted chicken  
1 large Granny Smith apple  
2 celery stalks  
1 small green pepper  
1/2 small onion  
1 cup seedless red grapes  
1/2 cup walnuts  
1 cup dark seedless raisins  
2/3 cup orange juice  
1/2 cup plain yogurt  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg (optional)  
1/2 small head iceberg lettuce

About 20 minutes before serving:

- Discard skin and bones from chicken; cut meat into bite-sized pieces and place in large bowl. Cut unpeeled apple into bite-sized pieces. Slice celery diagonally. Dice green pepper and onion. Cut each grape in half. Coarsely chop walnuts. Add apple, celery, green pepper, onion, grapes, raisins, and half the walnuts to chicken.
- In small bowl, with fork, beat orange juice, yogurt, salt, and nutmeg until blended. Pour over chicken mixture; toss to mix well.

- Thinly slice lettuce. Line bowl with sliced lettuce; top with chicken mixture; sprinkle with remaining walnuts. Toss chicken mixture with lettuce before serving. Makes 4 main-dish servings. About 570 calories per serving.

## Vegetable loaf

1 bunch spinach

1 10-ounce package frozen whole-kernel corn

1 10-ounce package frozen asparagus spears

1 10-ounce package frozen baby carrots

2 envelopes unflavored gelatin

2 8-ounce packages cream cheese

1 8 ounce container cottage cheese

1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

1 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon pepper

About 4 hours before serving or early in day:

- In large bowl, cover cleaned spinach leaves with very hot tap water; let stand about 3 minutes or until spinach is softened. Drain; pat spinach leaves dry with paper towels.
- Line bottom and side of 9" by 5" loaf pan with softened spinach leaves, reserving a few leaves for covering top of loaf later. Set loaf pan aside.

- Rinse frozen corn, asparagus, and baby carrots with running warm water to thaw; keeping vegetables separate. Drain; pat vegetables dry with paper towels.

- In small bowl, sprinkle gelatin evenly over 1/3 cup cold water; let gelatin stand 5 minutes to soften. Add 1/2 cup very hot tap water to mixture and stir until gelatin completely dissolves, about 3 minutes.

- In food processor with knife blade attached, blend cream cheese, cottage cheese, Parmesan cheese, salt, and pepper until smooth. With processor running, gradually pour in gelatin mixture; blend until well mixed.

- Using about 1/2 cup of cheese mixture for each layer, carefully spread first cheese layer, carefully spread first cheese layer over bottom of spinach leaf-lined loaf pan. Fill pan with layers of vegetables and ham, with layers of cheese mixture between each one, ending with cheese mixture. Start with one-half of corn, then one-half of asparagus, one-half of ham, all of the carrots, then remaining ham, asparagus, and corn. Cover final layer of cheese with reserved spinach leaves. Cover pan with plastic wrap or foil; refrigerate loaf at least 3 hours or until cheese is firm.

- To serve, loosen edges of loaf with fingers and invert loaf onto platter. Makes 10 main-dish servings or 16 first-course servings. About 310 calories per main-dish serving. About 195 calories per first-course serving.

Poor Bangladeshi women lead a hard life

## Oppressed by tradition

By Anis Ahmed

**RAJSHAHI,** Bangladesh, (Reuter): Janmatal Ferdous was married when five years old and divorced at 17, a victim of a deep-seated discrimination against women that even the gallows cannot stop.

In Bangladesh, infant girls are married off by their impoverished fathers, poor women toil as housemaids or are forced into prostitution, female factory workers suffer from the prejudices of their male co-workers.

After a number of women were killed because their families could not meet demands for more dowry or for not permitting their husbands a second marriage, the government passed a law in 1983 providing the death sentence for crime against women.

Six people have since been hanged.

But women still suffer in the impoverished, overwhelmingly Muslim nation of 100 million.

"It was a nightmare," Janmatal said. "Maybe I was cursed before birth. Otherwise, why should I be born in poverty?"

### Illegal

Her marriage was illegal — the minimum age is 18 for women and 21 for men — but government officials said child marriage flourishes because families cannot afford to pay the dowry expected at the legal age.

"The joy and pride of womanhood are fleeting for Bangladeshi women," said social welfare activist Monwara Rahman.

"Housemaids are often treated as slaves, female factory workers are discriminated against by their male colleagues. Giving birth to a girl is still considered an evil in some rural families," another activist, Shahida Hossain, said.

In early July, in the northern district of Rangpur, a nine-month-old boy was married to a five-month-old girl. The parents told reporters the girl's father would not have been able to pay the dowry if his daughter married later.

Lawyer Mohsina Khan said thousands of children were married every year. "They are virtually forced into a kind of prostitution scarcely before they learn to walk," she said in an interview.

Girls whose parents cannot afford to feed them may become housemaids, beggars



A young Bangladeshi girl attends to the family meals. Girls whose families cannot afford to feed them are often married off in childhood.

or prostitutes.

But the 250 residents at a privately-funded women's rehabilitation centre, Mahila Shilpa Pratishthan, in the north-eastern city of Rajshahi have some hope for the future.

### Trained

Since it was founded in 1974, the centre has trained more than 2,500 women in skills such as textile weaving, knitting, embroidery making, tailoring, and poultry raising.

The centre, one of very few such institutions in Bangladesh, gives the students six months basic training and six months practical work experience. They earn up to the equivalent of \$30 a month.

"In some cases, husbands who abandoned their wives come back after the women start earning some money," 40-year-old Sarjina Begum said. "They often use force and hire thugs to steal their former wives. But we try to resist."

## Fashion's new invention — the Eighties hippy

By Kathy Phillips

**THE** high-achieving career girl is hanging up her Armani suits in favour of a gentler uniform.

After power-dressing comes flower-power. Not the flirty florals of the summer which have disappeared in a puffball of silk, but fashion's new invention — the Eighties hippy.

Exactly 20 years after the musical Hair started a fashion trend which signalled the end of the futuristic, plastic look of the Sixties, today's teenagers have rediscovered the Beatles.

In the hottest nightclubs — the Myamia in London and Fury Murray's in Glasgow — acid house music is "where it's at" and Seventies dressing is de rigueur.

The "smiley" T-shirts, flares,

platforms, jerkins and Donny Osmond caps which are now on midnight dance floors personify fashion's new nostalgia.

It is a trend that was started in a London club, Discotheque, some months ago when enthusiasts rushed to Duffer of St George in D'Arby Street, Soho, to buy their second-hand Club Band.

And Martine Sitbon's girls grooved along the runway in crushed burgundy velvets embroidered with gold thread. Britain's Pam Hogg has been

pioneering the stretch velours and flares of our recent hippy past for four seasons, while Andrea Sargeant, designer of the Ghost label and now living and working in Italy, has made the new hippy look in droopy crepe viscose her forte.

**Romantic**

"Isn't it about time we started looking forward?" says Lucille Lewin, owner of London's most progressive fashion chain.

"If the Seventies can be made to look modern and contemporary then I'm all for it. But I think we've had enough looking back."

There is a floppy, rather grubby element to the hippy look that I most dislike. If the fabrics can be re-coloured and used in a body-aware way, then the whole look will be interes-

tingly re-interpreted and updated."

But designers have always been caught up with a fascination for the clothes of decades and centuries past.

The best of them use that inspiration to shape their clothes — thanks to new technology and innovative use of fabric — towards the future.

The new hippy look, styled with old silver jewellery, prettily laced footwear and romantic millinery, is an affectionate version of its predecessor.

The emergence of this look after the short, hot chic images of a season ago does suggest a change of mood in women.

The high achiever may well be reconsidering her position and longing for a return to the affairs of home and heart, not to mention peace and love.

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Despite threats of protectionism and resurging inflation

## GATT economists see world trade growing 5pc in '88

GENEVA, Aug 2, (Reuters): World trade should expand by five per cent in 1988, the same rate as last year, despite threats of protectionism and resurging inflation, GATT economists said today.

In an annual forecast called the international trade report for 1987/88, the Geneva-based General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) said the most striking feature of the world economy over the last year was its "unexpected resilience."

"Most current projections anticipate that output growth this year and next will be very close to the three per cent recorded in 1987 — not spectacular, but much better than was being forecast as recently as six months ago," it said.

The GATT team, headed by Richard Blackhurst, cited what it called the relative stability of major currencies since December and progress in reducing the US budget deficit as positive elements in the current economic climate.

A recent strengthening of domestic demand in Japan, and an increase in the personal savings rate in the United States were beginning to correct the trade imbalances, the report added.

### Problems

But the 67-page document warned the exchange rate mechanism on its own was not sufficient to bring about the changes in trade volumes needed

to reduce a current account imbalance, and must be coupled with appropriate fiscal policies.

It cited problems which continue to cast a "cloud of uncertainty" over world economy's outlook: the Third World debt problem, chronic unemployment in many countries, and the large current account imbalances of the three leading nations (Japan, the United States and West Germany).

"Recurring fears of a possible resurgence of inflation — resulting, for example, from exchange rate depreciation or high levels of capacity utilisation — and protectionist pressures are two more reasons why recent upward revision forecasts of economic growth have often been coupled

with warnings about com-

placency."

The GATT report said five consecutive years of growth had brought the volume of world merchandise trade to a record level — 25 per cent above that of 1982.

### Value

The value of merchandise exports jumped by about 16.5 per cent last year to a record \$2,475 billion, thanks to greater volume, higher petroleum prices, dollar depreciation, and the impact of dollar prices of national inflation rates.

Trade in manufactures measured in volume expanded by 5.5 per cent last year, against four per cent in 1986, to be the driving force behind the overall

growth in merchandise volume.

The GATT economists reported a marked change in US trade performance, as imports of manufactured goods expanded by only six per cent against 13.5 per cent in 1986. Exports jumped by 16 per cent against 7.5 per cent in 1986.

But four Asian states — the so-called "little dragons" — Hong Kong, Singapore, South Korea and Taiwan — combined to account for nine per cent of world exports in manufactures and six per cent of imports last year.

Electronic products and chemicals were the most dynamic sectors of world trade in manufactures, and now represent 12 per cent and 13.5 per cent of overall volume.

World agricultural output declined for the first time since 1950, by an estimated three per cent.

Despite greater commercial policy friction between major nations and increasing resort to export subsidies, trade in farm goods expanded by 4.5 per cent last year — for its best performance since 1981.

The GATT report noted stronger commodity prices this year, but called for agricultural discipline: "Improvements since the beginning of 1987 do nothing to reduce the urgency of long overdue reforms of trade-related policies in agriculture."

In contrast, trade in mining products rose by one per cent.

Despite yen's strength, overall exports continue to rise

## Japan trims surplus as growth surges

TOKYO, Aug 2: Surging imports during June narrowed Japan's current-account balance of payments surplus from a year earlier, the government reported today, the *Wall Street Journal*.

Meanwhile, Japan's jobless rate sank to the lowest level in more than five years, amid vigorous domestic economic growth that has boosted demand for imports.

The Finance Ministry reported that Japan's surplus trade in goods, services and certain unilateral transfers narrowed to \$6.43 billion in June from \$7.5 billion a year earlier, but grew from \$5.79 billion in the previous year.

The merchandise-trade balance showed the same pattern: A surplus of \$7.38 billion in June fell from \$8.04 billion in the year-earlier month but increased from \$6.61 billion in May.

The trend in foreign trade appeared to continue into July. The Finance Ministry reported a preliminary unadjusted trade surplus of \$3.46 billion in the first 20 days of July, narrowing from a surplus of \$3.92 billion a year earlier.

Exports rose 19 per cent to \$13.92 billion from \$11.74 billion a year earlier. But imports rose 34 per cent to \$10.46 billion from \$7.82 billion a year earlier. The ministry provides complete data and explanations only in the full monthly report.

In a separate report, the statistics bureau of the prime minister's office said Japan's unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted, stood at 2.4 per cent of the labour force in June, the lowest level in five years and seven months. That represented a 0.1 percentage point drop from the previous month.

Japan's unemployment has been falling steadily since it climbed to 3.1 per cent in May last year. The latest statistics indicate that Japanese companies are becoming increasingly eager to hire more people because of rapidly growing domestic demand.

Japan's work force was at its highest point on record, with 61.06 million people employed in June. The number of job holders was unchanged from May, but represented an increase of 1.1 million from a year earlier. June was the eighth consecutive month in which the number of job holders grew more than 900,000 persons from the year-earlier levels.

Officials said 36.4 million of the job holders were men, an increase of 620,000 from a year earlier, and the rest women, up 480,000. The number of Japanese without work in June, seasonally adjusted, came to 1.45 million, falling 90,000 from May.

### Workers

The number of workers rose in all industries except in agriculture, which reported a drop of 1.4 per cent from the year-earlier level, or 70,000. The construction industry showed an increase

of 5.2 per cent, or 280,000, reflecting the present strong construction activity.

Although the pace of growth has slackened, the government has been pushing various construction projects as a means of stimulating domestic demand and changing the structure of industry so it won't depend heavily on exports for business.

The traditionally heavy reliance on exports by Japanese manufacturers is a major cause of the country's large trade surplus and criticism in the US and other countries.

But the June data suggested that the source of those frictions may fade as Japanese consumers boost purchases of foreign goods. Imports, as measured when contracts were settled, continued to surge in June. Imported goods increased 35 per cent from a year earlier on top of a 34 per cent gain in May to a record \$14.03 billion, and surpassing the previous record of \$13.46 billion set last April. They grew 4.2 per cent from \$13.46 billion in the previous month.

Finance Ministry officials said imports of lumber, non-ferrous metals and steel have been especially strong.

Despite the yen's strength, overall exports also continued to rise, maintaining a double-digit pace that started in November last year.

In June, they jumped 16 per cent to \$21.41 billion from \$18.43 billion a year earlier and grew 6.7

per cent from \$20.06 billion in May.

Shipments of such products as semiconductors, steel and business machines were brisk, officials said.

"The US economy has been doing very well and that is one of the major reasons for the increase, despite the yen's appreciation," one official said.

The yen's rapid rise since late 1985 had been restraining exports for some time as it made Japanese products more expensive in overseas markets and eroded their price competitiveness.

In another report, the Japan Automobile Manufacturers' Association announced that Japanese auto exports in the first half of 1988 fell 5.1 per cent from a year earlier, as auto makers continued to adjust to the yen's appreciation. The manufacturers' association reported that Japanese auto makers exported 3,062,285 four-wheeled motor vehicles in the first six months of this year, marking the fourth year-to-year decline in as many six-month periods.

The last time exports expanded from the year-earlier levels was in the first half of 1986, when they rose 5.2 per cent.

Exports of Japanese cars, trucks and buses have been slackening because of the yen's sharp appreciation since late 1985, which has forced makers to raise car prices at the expense of competitiveness.

## US index of leading indicators rises 1.4pc

WASHINGTON, Aug 2, (Reuters): The index of leading indicators, the US government's main economic forecasting tool, rose a strong 1.4 per cent in June, the Commerce Department said.

The increase, which was in line with expectations, followed a 0.8 per cent fall in May. The rise was the largest since December 1986 and suggested that the economy would continue to grow at a fairly brisk pace in the second half of the year, economists said.

Wall Street had forecast a 1.0 to 1.5 per cent rise in June's index.

The Commerce Department reported last Wednesday that the economy grew at a solid 3.1 per cent rate between April and June, down fractionally from 3.4 per cent in the first quarter.

Government economists expected a further moderate slowdown during the rest of the year but Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan told Congress last Thursday that if the economy did not cool down of its own accord the Central Bank would do the job by raising interest rates.

The leading index is designed to detect trends and is too blunt an instrument to permit economists to make pinpoint growth forecasts. But the 1.4 per cent rise suggested that the economy ended the first half of the year on

a strong note.

Seven of the nine indicators rose in June, led by stock prices, the government said.

The other six indicators that contributed to the June rise were the speed with which suppliers fulfilled customers' orders, average weekly jobless claims, orders for plant and equipment, building permits, money supply and changes in sensitive materials prices, the Commerce Department said.

One indicator, manufacturers' orders for consumer goods, was negative, while another, average work week, was unchanged.

### Fall

The Commerce Department had previously reported a 0.1 per cent fall in the May index but revised it downwards based mainly on new data showing a drop in credit outstanding.

The index of coincident indicators, which measures the current economy, rose 0.7 per cent in June after gaining 0.2 per cent in May.

The index of lagging indicators, which measures past economic activity, rose 0.8 per cent in June after falling 0.1 per cent in May.

The ratio of coincident to lagging indicators, which some economists believe signals changes in the economy better than the leading index, fell to 12.0 in June from 12.3 in May.

## China enacts law giving more power to enterprises

BEIJING, Aug 2, (AP): China today enacted a law that will end direct state controls over manufacturing enterprises and give factory managers greater freedom over their operations.

The introduction of the law also came with warnings that factories will no longer be able to live off state largesse and will face bankruptcy if they fail to respond to market competition.

The law, passed by the National People's Congress last April, gives factory managers greater autonomy over planning and personnel, and makes them responsible for profits and losses.

It is to be followed in November by enactment of China's first bankruptcy law, which will set down rules for shutting down insolvent plants.

### System

The "manager responsibility system" was widely practiced before becoming legal. It has been hailed as a major step in the government's drive to reduce the role of central planning and make industry more efficient by linking its production to market-determined supply and demand factors.

Global statistics on gas, coal, hydro-electric and nuclear energy are also included, though such fuels as wood, peat, and animal waste, important in many countries, are excluded as not being reliably documented.

Last year's launch of the review on computer diskette has proved highly successful and will be continued this year, including updates on diskette.

Zhang Yanning, deputy minister of the State Commission for restructuring the economy, said last week that government

departments, which previously exercised direct control over industries, should abide by the principle of "the state regulates the market, which in turn guides the enterprises."

Several years of experimenting with the manager responsibility system, however, has proved the difficulty of following that principle.

Factory managers are still at the mercy of state allocations departments that control disbursement of scarce and increasingly expensive energy and raw materials. Managers are also thwarted by low state-set prices for many of their products.

Approximately one-fourth of China's state-run enterprises are operating at a deficit, and the number is rising with recent sharp increases in the costs of raw materials.

The People's Daily (Renmin Ribao), the official voice of the Communist Party, said in a front-page commentary today that China's 10-year-old economic reforms have "entered a critical stage."

Enterprises can no longer harbour the illusion that the state will provide low-priced raw materials and subsidies to cover losses, it said. Banks will not be a certain source of low-interest loans.

## Industrial investment up

DUBAI, Aug 2, (OPECNA): Industrial investment in the emirate of Dubai reached \$2.40 billion last year, nearly 30 times higher than in 1977.

Figures released here by the emirates Industrial Bank said Dubai accounted for 63 per cent of the total industrial investment in the UAE.

Oil traders said UAE's investment performance was largely due to its oil revenues estimated at about \$2 billion a year.

The value of industrial production in the country rose from \$160 million in 1977 to \$10 million in 1987, the bank said.

Foreign companies operating in UAE are expected to invest over \$1 billion during the next few years.

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### Italy seeks to step up trade links with Iran

ROME, Aug 2, (Reuters): Italian Foreign Trade Minister Renato Ruggiero flew to Iran with a team of business leaders today to pursue Italy's diplomatic role in the Gulf and foster trade. Ruggiero was the first Western government minister to visit Iran since negotiations to end the Gulf war started last month. He was to attend a meeting of an Italian-Iranian trade commission and meet Prime Minister Mir-Hossein Mousavi and Parliament Speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, a spokesman said. The meeting of the trade commission is its first since the fall of the Shah in 1979 and is intended to give Iranian industry a head start in seeking orders to participate in rebuilding Iran's economy if there is peace in the Gulf. Italian industrialists want to develop the Iranian market in food, chemicals and pharmaceuticals. Car giant Fiat has voiced an interest in exporting cars and agricultural machinery and in possibly starting an assembly line in Iran. The talks will also focus on Italian demands for repayment of sums worth around \$1.4 billion owed by Iran to Italian industry, relating to several big projects started by the Shah. They include construction of port facilities at Bandar Abbas.

Italy has maintained good relations with both Iran and Iraq. Italian and West German officials have said Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti played a role in persuading Tehran to enter ceasefire negotiations and UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar has asked Italy to help monitor any agreement. Ruggiero was to have held talks in Rome last month with Iraqi Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz on trade but the visit was cancelled after talks on a Gulf war ceasefire started.

### World raw material prices rise to 1980 level, says study

WASHINGTON, Aug 2, (AP): World prices for raw materials, which have been depressed for years, rose to the 1980 level and beyond in June, the International Monetary Fund reported yesterday.

The current rise began in February and hit 6 per cent in June, the biggest month-to-month increase this year, said the fund's monthly "IMF Memorandum." Some of the biggest increases were in crops hit by the drought in the United States, although the fund did not refer to the cause. It noted that the rise was particularly sharp for maize (33.2 per cent); soybeans (23.5 per cent) and wheat (16.2 per cent). These increases are in terms of the US dollar. In dollar terms raw material prices overall were 5 per cent above the 1980 level. They reached the 1980 level in terms of the fund's "Special Drawing Rights" (SDRs). The value of the SDR is based on a weighted average of the Japanese yen, the West German mark, the French franc and the British pound as well as the dollar.

On Monday the SDR was worth \$1.297. Figuring price changes in SDRs reduces the effect of a rise or drop in any of the five currencies. The fund noted that the price of the dollar rose sharply in June: 4.63 per cent, when the volume of trade with each country is taken into account. The dollar was up more than 10 per cent against the yen between June 1987 and June 1988 though it dropped against the currencies of most leading countries.

In dollar terms prices for commodities rose 36.8 per cent in that period. In SDR terms the rise was 30.8 per cent. In June of this year there were also price increases for raw materials that should help Third World countries. They have long been complaining that they suffer from unfavourable terms of trade: rising prices for industrial goods they have to import, and a fall in the price of the raw materials they have to sell.

### IWC sees crisis over Third World food bills at century's end

LONDON, Aug 2, (Reuters): A future in which the Third World needs huge grain imports to feed its people but cannot afford prices that would persuade exporters to grow it was envisaged today by the International Wheat Council. A study by the IWC, a worldwide grain trade organisation, said developing countries may account for almost 90 per cent of trade in grains by the year 2000, compared with half in 1985. Developing countries are becoming more and more reliant on the world market to provide their basic food needs," it said. But it also said: There is an evident, and possibly widening, gap between the prices which many of the importers can afford to pay for their grain and the returns which producers, even low cost ones, need if they are to remain in business."

It said its projections were tentative. But it thought it likely that grain imports by Third World nations and China would reach 170 million tonnes by the year 2000, from 101 million in 1985. Third World imports were headed higher not only because of rapidly rising populations, dietary changes and economic growth, but because of an influx of poor people to the cities. Developing countries tended to subsidise food consumption to satisfy city dwellers, further boosting imports — for example, a standard white bread loaf costs 177 cents

# WORLD STOCK MARKETS

## LONDON (Admire Stocks)

| NAME       | LAST  | CLOSE      | OPEN  |
|------------|-------|------------|-------|
| ABBEY LFE  | 340/C | LASTO      | 457/C |
| ADT LTD    | 144/C | LEGAL+GEN  | 335/C |
| ALD LYONS  | 422/C | LONBRO     | 235/C |
| AMSTRAD    | 233/C | LUCAS IND  | 545/C |
| ARGYLL GP  | 190/C | MAGNET     | 36.00 |
| ASDA GP    | 156/C | MARKE'S+SP | 171/C |
| SAA        | 275/C | MAXWELL C  | 218/C |
| BTR        | 289/C | METAL BOX  | 236/C |
| BAT INDS   | 432/C | MIDLAND BN | 11.58 |
| BARCLAYS   | 400/C | NEXT       | 242/C |
| BASS       | 787/C | NTH FOODS  | 301/C |
| BEAVERS    | 178/C | P & O ODF  | 578/C |
| BECHAMS    | 485/C | PEARL      | 495/C |
| BFRS       | 370/C | PLLD COLL  | 130/C |
| BICC PLC   | 364/C | PEARSON    | 775/C |
| BLUE ARR   | 105/C | PILKINGTON | 215/C |
| BLUE CIRC  | 448/C | PLLD IR B  | 259/C |
| BOC GP     | 420/C | POLLY PEC  | 07.00 |
| BOOTS CO   | 220/C | RACAL      | 326/C |
| BPP INDS   | 80.71 | RANK HVIS  | 458/C |
| RR COMM    | 240/C | RANK ORG   | 718/C |
| BR AIRWAY  | 157/C | RCKITTY+CO | 950/C |
| BR AEROSP  | 473/C | REED       | 460/C |
| BR GAS RG  | 185/C | RYC BK SC  | 366/C |
| BR LAND    | 349/C | RYC GRP    | 478/C |
| B.P.       | 257/C | REUTERS    | 496/C |
| B.P. NEW   | 59.0  | RTZ CORP   | 31.56 |
| B.P.R.VT   | 256/C | RTZ L      | 138/C |
| BR TELCOM  | 246/C | ROLLS ROY  | 120/C |
| BURRAN OL  | 543/C | ROTTHAM B  | 12.00 |
| BURTON     | 223/C | ROYAL TNS  | 071/C |
| CABLESWIR  | 381/C | SCATCHI    | 365/C |
| CADBURYS   | 372/C | SAIMSBURY  | 217/C |
| COATS VLY  | 236/C | SCOT+HEW   | 525/C |
| COMM UNI   | 380/C | SEARS      | 136/C |
| CONS GOLD  | 000.0 | SEGEVICK   | 229/C |
| COOKSONS   | 257/C | SHELL      | 065/C |
| COURTAULD  | 51.25 | ATTWOODS   | 288/C |
| DALGETY    | 347/C | AUST REE   | 277/C |
| DEE CP     | 177/C | STD.CHART  | 498/C |
| DIXONS     | 182/C | STC        | 278/C |
| ENTER OIL  | 487.5 | STORENSE   | 237/C |
| FIKI BABCK | 129/C | TANMAC     | 30.00 |
| FERRANTI   | 93.0  | TATERLYLE  | 870/C |
| GEN ACCID  | 924/C | TESCO      | 145/C |
| GEN ELEC   | 56.84 | THORN EMI  | 665/C |
| GLAXO      | 972/C | TSB        | 105/C |
| GRANADA    | 303.0 | T + N      | 79.50 |
| GLOBE      | 143/C | TRUSTHSE   | 246.5 |
| GLYNNED    | 313/C | ULTRAMAR   | 288/C |
| GRAN MET   | 494/C | UNILEVER   | 475/C |
| GUARD RYL  | 196/C | UNITATE    | 318/C |
| GKN        | 334/C | UTD BISC   | 305/C |
| GUINNESS   | 327/C | UTD MUSPC  | 436/C |
| HAMMERS A  | 625/C | WELLCOME   | 520/C |
| HANSON     | 143/C | WHITEBD    | 302/C |
| HARRIS C   | 642/C | WILLIAMS   | 289/C |
| HAKER SID  | 525/C | WILLIS FB  | 58.00 |
| HILLSDOWN  | 275/C | WIMPEY GE  | 232/C |
| ICI        | 044/C | WOLWORTH   | 279/C |

## LONDON (Beta Stocks)

| NAME   | LAST  | CLOSE | OPEN |
|--|-------|-------|------|
| BLCK LE 2  | 16/6  | 17/0  |      |
| BINNELL +F   | 38/0  | 38/0  |      |
| BOASE MAS  | 253/C | 252/C |      |
| BODDINGTON   | 170/C | 170/C |      |
| BODY SHOP  | 623/C | 625/C |      |
| BOOKER   | 404/C | 404/C |      |
| BOOT, HENR   | 373/C | 373/C |      |
| BORTHWICK  | 67/0  | 68/0  |      |
| BOMATER  | 415/C | 413/C |      |
| BULLNER HP   | 149/C | 149/C |      |
| BITA VITA  | 259/C | 259/C |      |
| BRAMMER  | 250/C | 251/C |      |
| BRENT CHE  | 165/C | 166/C |      |
| BRENT WCR  | 423/C | 423/C |      |
| BRITANNIC  | 360/C | 362/C |      |
| CANNING  | 233/C | 233/C |      |
| CANNON ST  | 322/C | 321/C |      |
| CAP GRP  | 305/C | 307/C |      |
| CAP RFD  | 305/C | 306/C |      |
| CARLCO EN  | 161/C | 160/C |      |
| CARLESS C  | 119/C | 119/C |      |
| CARLTON C  | 745/C | 743/C |      |
| CASE GRP   | 180/C | 181/C |      |
| CHALY PET  | 125/C | 125/C |      |
| CHARTERNA  | 26/4  | 24/4  |      |
| CHAS. CHUR   | 110/C | 110/C |      |
| CHLORIDE   | 61/C  | 61/C  |      |
| CHRISTIES  | 549/C | 548/C |      |
| CI GROUP   | 49/C  | 49/C  |      |
| CLAYDE PET   | 125/C | 125/C |      |
| COASTAL SEC  | 58/C  | 58/C  |      |
| COURTS FR  | 308/C | 308/C |      |
| COVIE CT   | 129/C | 130/C |      |
| CREST NIC  | 207/C | 208/C |      |
| CRH  | 138/C | 138/C |      |
| CRODA INT  | 207/C | 207/C |      |
| CRYSTALAT  | 156/C | 156/C |      |
| DARES EST  | 31/C  | 32/C  |      |
| DAISOM IN  | 231/C | 231/C |      |
| DE LA RUE  | 459/C | 460/C |      |
| DELTA GRP  | 310/C | 310/C |      |
| DEVENISH   | 339/C | 338/C |      |
| DIPLOMA  | 234/C | 233/C |      |
| DOMTY GRP  | 204/C | 202/C |      |
| DRAYTON C  | 454/C | 453/C |      |
| DUNDEE LD  | 293/C | 291/C |      |
| DUNHILL  | 209/C | 208/C |      |
| EAGLE TST  | 15/2  | 15/2  |      |
| EDIN I.T.  | 152/C | 154/C |      |
| ELECTRA  | 206/C | 207/C |      |
| ELECTROCH  | 217/C | 217/C |      |
| ELLIS EVA  | 195/C | 196/C |      |
| ELLIS GOL  | 144/C | 143/C |      |
| EMAP   | 220/C | 219/C |      |
| EMPIRE ST  | 240/C | 241/C |      |
| EMSIDUM  | 422/C | 423/C |      |
| ER GROUP   | 88/C  | 88/C  |      |
| ETAN   | 249/C | 250/C |      |
| EURO W RG  | 22/C  | 22/C  |      |
| EURO.HOME  | 325/C | 325/C |      |
| EUROTHIN   | 378/C | 378/C |      |
| EUROTRN RG   | 332/C | 333/C |      |
| EVERED HL  | 117/C | 117/C |      |
| EVOLVE GRP   | 187/C | 188/C |      |
| EXPANET  | 204/C | 205/C |      |
| F&C EURO   | 215/C | 215/C |      |
| F&C PACIF  | 134/C | 135/C |      |
| F&C SNLR   | 72/C  | 72/C  |      |
| FARNELL E  | 178/C | 178/C |      |
| FED. HOUSN   | 297/C | 298/C |      |
| FENNER JR  | 164/C | 165/C |      |
| FERGUSON   | 271/C | 271/C |      |
| FITCH LOV  | 263/C | 263/C |      |
| FILM TECH  | 185/C | 185/C |      |
| FILM UNIV  | 146/C | 147/C |      |
| FOSECO NI  | 261/C | 260/C |      |
| FR GROUP   | 242/C | 242/C |      |
| FRESHBANE  | 158/C |       |      |
| FST LEISR  | 142/C | 142/C |      |
| FST MAT F  | 235/C | 237/C |      |
| FST SCOT   | 391/C | 392/C |      |
| FUR & COL  | 106/C | 107/C |      |
| GARDINER   | 52/C  | 52/C  |      |
| GEEST  | 280/C | 281/C |      |
| GEI INTL   | 144/C | 144/C |      |
| GESTEYMER  | 232/C | 230/C |      |
| GOAL PET   | 122/C | 121/C |      |
| GPG  | 57/C  | 56/C  |      |
| GRANPH   | 281/C | 281/C |      |
| GREENLW NG   | 469/C | 470/C |      |
| GREENLL W  | 233/C | 232/C |      |
| GREYCOAT   | 420/C | 421/C |      |
| GRMP TV A  | 47/C  | 48/C  |      |
| GT.PLTDN   | 355/C | 355/C |      |
| GUS ORD  | 665/C | 650/C |      |
| GVT OIRE   | 290/C | 289/C |      |
| GVT STRA   | 241/C | 241/C |      |
| H'LMD DIS  | 122/C | 121/C |      |
| HALL (H)   | 153/C | 154/C |      |
| HALMA  | 185/C | 185/C |      |
| HAMBROS I  | 220/C | 220/C |      |
| London Gold  |       |       |      |
| LONDON, AUG 2, REUTER - GOLD BULLION CLOSED A FRACTION LOWER IN VERY THIN TRADE THIS AFTERNOON DUE TO LIGHT PROFESSIONAL SELLING WHICH REFLECTED THE ANTI-INFLATIONARY IMPACT OF LOWER CRUDE OIL PRICES, DEALERS SAID.   |       |       |      |
| GOLD CLOSED AT 432.25/432.75 DLRS AN OUNCE, FROM YESTERDAY'S CLOSE OF 433.70/434.20 AND THIS AFTERNOON'S FIX OF 432.75.  |       |       |      |
| THE MARKET HAD OPENED UP AT 435.30/435.80 FOLLOWING A HIGHER NEW YORK CLOSE AND FIRMER FAR EAST MARKETS BUT IT DRIFTED LOWER DURING THE DAY IN SUBDUED TRADE ON DIMINISHING INFLATIONARY FEARS AS CRUDE OIL PRICES WEAKENED AHEAD OF TOMORROW'S OPEC PRICE COMMITTEE MEETING IN SWITZERLAND.         |       |       |      |
| LONDON Money Market  |       |       |      |
| LONDON, AUG 2, REUTER - MONEY MARKET INTEREST RATES REMAINED STEADY AFTER ANOTHER DAY OF LOW VOLUME AND A LACK OF NEWS TO CHANGE MARKET PERCEPTIONS.   |       |       |      |
| ONE MONEY BROKER SAID, "THE MARKET HAS BEEN HOPELESS THIS WEEK AND THE PROBLEM IS I CAN'T REALLY SEE ANYTHING MUCH HAPPENING FOR THE NEXT 10 DAYS OR SO."  |       |       |      |
| GIVEN THE U.K. GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN OVER INFLATIONARY PRESSURES, NOBODY IN THE MARKET IS BETTING ON A FALL IN BASE RATES, WHILE THE POUND'S CONTINUED HIGH LEVEL AGAINST THE MARK SEEMS TO RULE OUT A RISE IN THE SHORT TERM. THE BENCHMARK THREE MONTH INTERBANK RATE WAS STEADY AT 10-7/8 3/4 PCT. |       |       |      |
| Foreign Exchange   |       |       |      |
| DLR ----- STG ----- DKH ----- FFR ----- FIX  |       |       |      |
| STG 1.7155/65 3.2065/2105 10.8160/8295 MID FIX   |       |       |      |
| DHR 1.8626/8706 3.200/214 ----- 29.565/725 FIX   |       |       |      |
| FFR 6.2935/3055 10.813/831 337.07/71 1300 FIX  |       |       |      |
| NFL 2.1095 3.6220 112.945 33.48 FIX  |       |       |      |
| ECU 1.11487 0.650072 2.08481 7.03262 CLSE  |       |       |      |
| SDR 1.29763 0.758848 2.43617 6.20595 CLSE  |       |       |      |
| YEN 132.52/62 227.56/68 OTHERS 02/08/1988 NOON   |       |       |      |

## NEW YORK

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# WORLD STOCK MARKETS

## International Bond Highlights

Tokyo — Mitsui Toatsu Chemicals Inc said it will issue 200 mln dls in bonds with warrants through public placement, with Nomura International Ltd as lead manager. The coupon for the par-priced bond, maturing on August 18, 1992, will be set at the company's board meeting on August 10. (RTYJ 0602)

Tokyo — Food processing company Nichirei Corp said it will issue 100 mln dls in warrant bonds in overseas markets excluding the US the bonds will mature on August 31, 1992. (RTYO 0808)

London — The UK government will repay early the 2.5 billion dlr floating rate note due October 1992 at par, Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson said. A new programme of UK ECU Treasury bills will be launched in the autumn, he added. (RTTI 1049) The decision to call the notes will not affect the government's funding position or the planned issuance of gilts, said economists. (RTUG 1356)

London — The Bank of England said it will auction a further 750 mln stg tranche of 8-1/2 pct treasury stock due 1994 on a bid price basis at its gilt auction on August 10. (RTVK 1451)

## Inter-bank Rates

|     | CALL           | ONE MONTH     | THREE MONTH |
|-----|----------------|---------------|-------------|
| LDN | 9-7/8 3/4      | 10-7/16 5/16  | 10-7/8 3/4  |
| FFT | 4.50/5.00      | 5.15/20       | 5.20/30     |
| PAR | 6-15/16 7-1/16 | 7-1/16 3/16   | 7-5/16 7/16 |
| ZUR | 1-5/4 1-7/8    | 3-1/4 3-1/2   | 3-3/4 4     |
| BKK | 3.70           | 6-3/4 13/16   | 7-1/8 1/4   |
| RON | 10 10-1/2      | 10-5/8 11-1/8 | 11 11-1/2   |
| AHS | 5-0/0 5-1/4    | 5-1/8 5-1/4   | 5-3/8 5-1/2 |
| TKO | 3.6875 7500    | 4.0000 0625   | 4.0225 1250 |
| ECU | 6.75 7.00      | 7.00 7.12     | 7.25 7.37   |

## Interest Rates

| FOLLOWING | are the average K.D. interest rates of local inter-bank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday. |
|-----------|---|
| Period    | Bid Offered   |
| 1 month   | 5-1/16 5-7/16   |
| 3 months  | 5-5/8 6   |
| 6 months  | 6-1/16 6-3/8  |
| 1 year    | 6-1/8 6-1/2   |

## BOMBAY

| PR.CLOSE   | OPEN   | CLOSE  | GLINDIA | 61         | 60     | 59     | NICO   | 600      | 590    | 600    |        |
|------------|--------|--------|---------|------------|--------|--------|--------|----------|--------|--------|--------|
| ACC        | 255    | 255    | 251.50  | GRASIM     | 49     | 49.50  | 48.50  | MUKAND   | 85     | 86     | 85     |
| ASIA PAINT | 157.50 | 158.75 | 153.75  | GFC        | 108.75 | 109    | 108    | NOCIL    | 480    | 480    | 480    |
| BAJAJ AUTO | 255    | 257.50 | 252.50  | HIND LEVER | 69.50  | 69     | 69.50  | PEICO    | 30     | 30.50  | 31     |
| BABRAYON   | 242.50 | 245    | 240     | HINDALCO   | 95     | 96     | 95     | PFIZER   | 63     | 63     | 62     |
| BOM.DYING  | 115    | 115    | 111     | HINDCOA    | 85     | 85     | 85     | PRE-CHEM | 33     | 33     | 33     |
| BR. BOND   | 87     | 86     | 87      | HINDMOTOR  | 28.50  | 29     | 28.75  | RAYMOND  | 49     | 48     | 49     |
| BSE INDEX  | 603.59 | 609.60 | 604.60  | IMC ORG    | 25.50  | 25.25  | 25.75  | RELIANCE | 208    | 209    | 204    |
| CENTURYSIG | 897.50 | 897.50 | 890     | INDRAYON   | 67.50  | 67.50  | 66     | SIEMENS  | 70     | 69     | 70     |
| COLGATE    | 225    | 226.25 | 222.50  | INDROL     | 168.75 | 166.25 | 170    | SPIC     | 52.25  | 52.50  | 52     |
| DEEPAKPERT | 40.50  | 41     | 40      | ITC        | 45.50  | 44.50  | 45.50  | STDMILLS | 250    | 265    | 255    |
| EI.HOTEL   | 50     | 49     | 50      | JISYNTH    | 63.75  | 63     | 64     | TATA PVR | 240    | 240    | 247.50 |
| ESKAYE     | 118.75 | 120    | 117.50  | L AND T    | 108    | 110    | 109.50 | TATACHEM | 74     | 74     | 74.50  |
| ESSAR      | 19.25  | 19.50  | 19      | MAHINDRA   | 58.50  | 60.50  | 58.50  | TELCO    | 677.50 | 680    | 675    |
| GAR. POLY  | 80     | 79     | 78      | HASTERSH   | 10.50  | 10.25  | 10.50  | TISCO    | 835.75 | 840    | 832.50 |
| GE.SHIP    | 30     | 30.25  | 29.75   | HATHER PL  | 51     | 50     | 52     | VOLTAS   | 302.50 | 297.50 | 305    |

## FRANKFURT

## TELEVO

| STOCK       | LAST   | PR.CLS | KITSUB CP | 1150 | 1160 |
|-------------|--------|--------|-----------|------|------|
| AEG         | 202.3  | 202.3  |           |      |      |
| ALLIANZ VR  | 1545.0 | 1547.0 |           |      |      |
| BADENWERK   | 182.0  | 181.2  |           |      |      |
| BASF        | 259.5  | 261.5  |           |      |      |
| BAKER HYP   | 293.5  | 295.4  |           |      |      |
| BAIER VER   | 334.0  | 347.5  |           |      |      |
| BBC         | 336.0  | 340.5  |           |      |      |
| BHF         | 426.0  | 424.0  |           |      |      |
| BHM         | 509.0  | 512.0  |           |      |      |
| COMMERZBK   | 231.2  | 232.0  |           |      |      |
| CONTI GUMM  | 259.5  | 262.8  |           |      |      |
| DAINER BEN  | 682.0  | 689.5  |           |      |      |
| DEUTSC BHK  | 483.2  | 485.0  |           |      |      |
| DLW         | 363.0  | 362.5  |           |      |      |
| DRESDNER B  | 255.15 | 259.5  |           |      |      |
| DT. BABCOCK | 179.2  | 179.5  |           |      |      |
| FAZ INDEX   | 489.42 | 490.58 |           |      |      |
| FELDMEHL    | 265.00 | 266.5  |           |      |      |
| GOLDSCHEID  | 296.0  | 300.0  |           |      |      |
| HARPERN     | 426.0  | 424.0  |           |      |      |
| HOECHST AG  | 274.0  | 274.7  |           |      |      |
| HOESCH      | 146.9  | 144.5  |           |      |      |
| HORTEN      | 191.0  | 193.0  |           |      |      |
| HUSSEL HLD  | 419.0  | 422.0  |           |      |      |
| KALI SALZ   | 160.2  | 160.0  |           |      |      |
| KARSTADT    | 419.0  | 420.5  |           |      |      |
| KAUFHOF     | 357.5  | 363.5  |           |      |      |
| KLOECK H    | 128.5  | 128.5  |           |      |      |
| KLOECK W    | 0      | 101.00 |           |      |      |
| LINDE       | 690.0  | 683.0  |           |      |      |
| LUFTTRANS   | 142.7  | 145.0  |           |      |      |
| MAN         | 197.5  | 196.4  |           |      |      |
| MANNESMAN   | 169.0  | 169.5  |           |      |      |
| MERCEDS     | 553.5  | 555.0  |           |      |      |
| METALLGES   | 309.0  | 305.0  |           |      |      |
| NIKODOR PF  | 455.0  | 436.2  |           |      |      |
| NORK HYD    | 60.50  | 62.00  |           |      |      |
| PHILIP KOM  | 597.0  | 597.0  |           |      |      |
| POSCHE      | 565.0  | 578.0  |           |      |      |
| PREUSSAG    | 182.0  | 179.0  |           |      |      |
| PWA         | 216.0  | 219.5  |           |      |      |
| RHEINMETAL  | 293.0  | 290.0  |           |      |      |
| RME         | 230.5  | 231.7  |           |      |      |
| RME P       | 216.2  | 217.5  |           |      |      |
| SALAMANDER  | 0      | 260.0  |           |      |      |
| SCHERING    | 517.5  | 519.0  |           |      |      |
| SEL         | 295.0  | 295.5  |           |      |      |
| SIEMENS     | 428.9  | 428.8  |           |      |      |
| THYSEN      | 150.5  | 149.6  |           |      |      |
| VARTA       | 281.0  | 282.0  |           |      |      |
| VEBA        | 256.7  | 258.0  |           |      |      |
| VEN         | 159.5  | 159.8  |           |      |      |
| VOLKSWAGEN  | 247.0  | 249.0  |           |      |      |

## HONG KONG

## Tokyo Stock Market Report

| TOKYO STOCKS CLOSE SLIGHTLY UP AT RECORD HIGH   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| RECORD CLOSE ON BUYING OF SPECULATIVE ISSUES AFTER A LACKLUSTRE SESSION, BROKERS SAID.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| "THE MARKET IS NOT GOING UP ON FUNDAMENTALS. IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S A FLAVOUR-OF-THE-DAY MARKET," SAID JOAN AMAYA, A BROKER AT W.I. CARB (OVERSEAS) LTD.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| THE 22-SHAKE NIKKEI INDEX ROSE 40.02 POINTS, OR 0.14 PCT., TO A RECORD 28,366.33, SURPASSING THE PREVIOUS RECORD CLOSE OF 28,342.46 SET ON JUNE 17. IT IS BELOW A TRADED HIGH OF 28,409.17 SET ON MONDAY. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TURNOVER WAS A THIN 800 MLN SHARES AGAINST 950 MLN. FALLS ALMOST MATCHED RISES.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| RETAIL, RAILWAY/BUS, SERVICE, RUBBER, REAL ESTATE, CONSTRUCTION, AIRLINE, OIL, STEEL AND CREDIT/LEASE SHARES LED THE ADVANCE.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Kuwait Stock Exchange 'does not encourage speculation'

## Upsurge seen in active trading

By Jadranka Porter

THE Kuwait Stock Exchange has been experiencing an upsurge in trading which, even without further rise, promises to make 1988 its most successful year since opening in 1983.

In one day, some 90 million shares were traded bringing the turnover to an unprecedented figure of KD15 million, said the spokeswoman, Wafa Al Rasheed. This was nowhere near the usual daily turnover of about KD3 million. It is only fair to say that the day was July 27 which was preceded by a four-day holiday to celebrate Eid Al Adha during which the stock exchange was closed.

### Upsurge

On July 18 Iran announced its acceptance of UN resolution calling for a ceasefire in the eight-year Gulf war. The news triggered off an upsurge in trading and an increase in share prices contributing vastly to the record volume of trading on July 27, said Al Rasheed.

On the day of Iran's announce-

ment the National Bank share, considered to be the index share on Kuwait's market, jumped from KD0.900 to KD0.960. It has been rising steadily since and has now reached KD1.140. Other companies listed on Kuwait's Stock Exchange also recorded an increase in the value of their shares.

This could be the beginning of a particularly prosperous phase although the upsurge in share prices in late July reflected a psychological effect of Iran's decision to comply with the ceasefire resolution rather than the actual improved performance of the listed companies, says Al Rasheed.

### Flourish

However, if the latest UN-led negotiations result in a permanent peace in the region new business opportunities will open which means that more buoyant trading on the stock exchange could be then based on fundamentals, Al Rasheed added.

Real estate, business service industries and local manufacturing firms would flourish once the

Iran-Iraq conflict comes to an end, she said.

Al Rasheed predicted that the National Bank shares could rise to KD2 by the end of the year provided no major setbacks occur in the current peace negotiations.

An upswing in prices, after Iran expressed its willingness to negotiate a peaceful settlement, was in fact the second time the stock market was jolted upwards this year. The first jump took place last May when the stock exchange replaced its so called three-day system with a one-day system. This meant that the regular market players had their accounts settled and shares transferred in one instead of three days. The results were immediate. The turnover shot up from KD4 million worth of shares per week to KD3 million per day with 30 million shares traded daily.

The market players are presented with a fresh balance sheet at the end of each week's trading. The three-day system is currently applied on one-time buyers only.

Other plans to encourage trading include a measure allowing the GCC nationals to own up to 30 per cent of shares in any of the listed 63 companies.

The proposal has already been approved by the Council of Ministers, says Al Rasheed.

Another proposal under consideration is the introduction of foreign companies to Kuwait's stock exchange lists. At present the non-Kuwaiti sector includes a handful of companies from other Gulf states.

The most radical measure under study proposes that non-Kuwaitis be allowed to buy and sell shares in any company listed on the stock exchange. They are currently allowed to trade only in shares issued by companies from other Gulf states.

Some political decision could be helpful too, says Al Rasheed. She referred to proposals to grant some non-Kuwaitis a permanent residence and a right to own apartments in Kuwait. The Arab Times has been unable to confirm that such measures are being considered by the government.

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## Gulf oil output reaches highest level for 12 months

BAHRAIN, Aug 2 (Reuter): Oil output by the six Gulf members of OPEC (Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries) has not been so high since August last year when it reached 13.5 million BPD.

Oil prices were then rising on fears of a disruption of supplies because of the Iran-Iraq war, but the market was quickly glutted. Prices dived below OPEC's \$18 a barrel benchmark and have never recovered.

Their estimates that the six countries produced 12.5 (BPD), the highest level for a year, came ahead of a meeting of OPEC's five-member price monitoring committee in Lausanne, Switzerland, tomorrow.

The committee will discuss weak spot prices, caused mainly by a glutted market, and may decide to call a full OPEC ministerial meeting, oil sources said.

### High

"High Gulf output came from increased exports by Saudi Arabia, the UAE and Kuwait," said one oil industry executive.

### Deal

"Saudi exports went mostly to Texaco after their downstream deal and Japan bought a lot of Gulf oil ahead of a tax rise in August."

Saudi Arabia signed an agreement in June to market 600,000 BPD of Saudi crude through Texaco's refining and distribution network in 23 American states.

### Decision

They said it was expected to focus on the UAE's decision in June to increase output to 1.5 million BPD. The UAE, with an OPEC quota of 948,000 BPD, produced 1.4 million BPD in July, the sources said.

"The five (ministers) might decide it warrants an emergency

meeting if prospects for aligning overproducers behind the OPEC cause seems high," one oil industry executive said.

He said the key seemed to be Saudi Arabia, which had in the past opposed emergency meetings on grounds that the market would be further depressed if no decisions were reached.

### Vacation

Other sources noted that Saudi Oil Minister Hisham Nazer was due to take a one-month vacation after the Lausanne meeting and said this might rule out an emergency meeting.

Saudi Arabia, which preaches adherence to OPEC quotas, produced 4.6 million BPD in July compared with its quota of 4.34 million BPD, the sources said.

Iraq, which has rejected its 1.54 million BPD quota and is not part of OPEC's pact, produced 2.8 million BPD, they said.

Only Iran, facing difficulties in finding buyers, fell short of its quota, producing 2.05 million BPD compared with a quota of 2.369 million BPD.

Qatar, with a much smaller output, is the sixth Gulf producer in OPEC.

## Meeting to discuss Airbus reforms

BONN, West Germany, Aug 2 (AP): A top West German economic official said today that Airbus' cost reforms will be a main topic at a meeting scheduled for September.

Erich Riedl, parliamentary state secretary for the Economics Ministry, said in a radio interview that Airbus reform of subsidy costs will be high on the agenda at a meeting of ministers from Airbus nations in England this fall.

Riedl, in an interview with RTL radio, said Bonn also will push for the naming of a West German as financial director to oversee the consortium's expenses.

The other Airbus nations are Britain, France and Spain.

Riedl said reforms are necessary "to ensure that aircraft production also remains competitive."

Riedl's comments came a day after West German Finance Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg and Economics Minister Martin Bangemann met to discuss subsidies to the Airbus programme in the context of the proposed sale of Aerospace holdings to industrial giant Daimler-Benz.

## SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

### SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUAIKH PORT AS ON 2/8/88

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## GOVERNMENT TENDERS

The tenders summarized below are invited by the Central Tenders Committee on behalf of Government Ministries and other concerned authorities. The relevant documents may be obtained from the office of the Central Tenders Committee during office hours against payment of non-refundable fees as shown therein. Unless otherwise stipulated all relevant offers shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from effect with a maximum extension of 30 days.

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**IN FOCUS**  
The week

A SOVIET SS-12 missile is destroyed at a test site in Saryozek on Monday as part of the US-Soviet INF treaty. (Reuter wirephoto)



KING Hassan of Morocco (left) took some flower petals offered by a young girl after he inaugurated the first oil port of Morocco in Casablanca. (Reuter wirephoto)



LEBANESE folk-dancers performing at Jordan's cultural festival in Jeresh, north of Amman. The three-week festival ended on Monday. (Reuter wirephoto)



BRITAIN'S Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher tries on a 'Drizabone,' an Australian bush coat, during a walkabout in a Perth shopping centre after arriving there for a six-day visit. (Reuter wirephoto)



AN Indian woman spoon-feeds her young son who is suffering from cholera in Delhi. (Reuter wirephoto)



THESE two boats racing for the America's Cup in September may appear to be about the same size in these aerial photographs. But the challenger 'New Zealand' (left) is a 132-ft, single-masted monohull sloop and defending champion skipper Dennis Connor's high-tech controversial catamaran (right) is 60-feet long. (Reuter wirephoto)



PALESTINIANS receive food, cleaning tools and other aid from United Nations workers at the Shatila refugee camp. (Reuter wirephoto)



A GREEK policeman pulls handcuffed Palestinian Mohammed Rashid out of a van in Athens to be taken to court for identity verification. Rashid is wanted by the United States for the bombing of an American passenger jet. He was sentenced for entering Greece on a forged Syrian passport. (Reuter wirephoto)



XOKONOSHTLET (right) and two fellow Aztecs speak to reporters at the Mexico City airport before flying to Vienna in an effort to bring back Moctezuma's crown to Mexico. (Reuter wirephoto)



REAR-ADmirAL Mikhail Krylov of the Soviet Union takes the floor at Moscow's Military Academy to ask Frank Carlucci a question after the US Defence Secretary made a speech in Moscow on Monday. (Reuter wirephoto)

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## SPORTS.

**Atletico take back Arteche**

MADRID, Aug 2. (Reuter): Spanish soccer club Atletico Madrid have agreed to take back former captain Juan Arteche after trying to sack him for smoking too much and spending too much time on his private business.

"We reached a cordial agreement, thinking of the future of Atletico Madrid," said defender Arteche last night. He will return under a new contract but lose his job as captain.

**Devoted**

Club president Jesus Gil sent Arteche a letter last week dismissing him without compensation on the grounds that he smoked too much and devoted too much time to his private sports shoe business and not enough to his soccer.

Arteche's lawyer contested the decision saying it was not a valid reason for being fired.

"Those players you like more you push more. If they let you down you punish them more," Gil told reporters after the out-of-court agreement was reached.

Gil said he had no plans to reinstate midfielder Quique Setien or defender Quique Ramos, who was dismissed at the same time. They are also contesting the decision but both have offers from other Spanish clubs.

Gil criticised Setien for being single, saying he should have a wife to organise his life and wash and cook for him, and attacked Ramos for answering him back, disobeying the club coach and not training enough.

**Elected**

The firings were the latest in a series of rows within the club since Gil was elected president a year ago, promising to take Atletico to the top with a headline-hitting spending spree.

He is still looking for a team to match Atletico's city rivals Real Madrid and has dropped a total of six players and sold three this summer, replacing them with Brazilian striker Baltazar Maria de Moraes and five little-known Spaniards.

**Mexico to host giant chess tournament**

MEXICO CITY, Aug 2. (AP): About 100 masters and grandmasters, including world champion Gary Kasparov and his main rival, Anatoly Karpov, have been invited to compete in the first World Active Chess Championship, with a top prize of \$200,000, one of the organisers announced.

Robert Brown, director of the Committee for World Chess Development, told reporters yesterday the championship will be held Dec 10-17 in the Pacific resort of Mazatlan, in Sinaloa state, 674 miles (1,085 kilometres) northwest of Mexico City.

**Masters**

Brown said the roster of International Chess Federation masters include Yasser Seirawan of the United States, Holland's Jan Timman, Nigel Short of Britain, Johann Hjartarson of Iceland, the Cuban Jesus Nogueiras and Alfonso Zapata of Colombia.

Brown said three other tournaments will be held simultaneously in the Mazatlan "Grand Chess Fiesta"—an open one for first line players, another one for people younger than 20, and a third for people younger than 14. He estimated a total of 2,000 players will compete in the fiesta.

**Recent West German Championships**

SOUTHAMPTON, England, Aug 2. (UPI): Former Southampton and England under-23 soccer international Steve Mills died in hospital of leukaemia yesterday at the age of 35.

He was admitted to Southampton General Hospital last week and his condition deteriorated over the weekend.

**Recognition**

Mills, a defender, was on the threshold of an international career when he first won England under-23 recognition as a 20-year-old, but an auto crash put him out of the game after only 53 League appearances for Southampton.

He developed leukaemia two years ago and after extensive chemotherapy treatment organised a special charity soccer match earlier this year, raising £95,000 (\$161,500) for cancer research.

**Electronic eye**

SEOUL, South Korea, Aug 2. (AP): An electronic eye will settle disputes over line calls in tennis matches during the 1988 Summer Olympic Games. The Seoul Olympic Organising Committee aid yesterday that electronic cameras, designed to see better than humans, will flash red if a player's service falls outside marked service lines.

**CHAVEZ KNOCKS OUT BUCHANAN****Lora retains world crown**

Lora is lifted by his handlers after the fight.

LOS ANGELES, Aug 2, (Reuter): Miguel Lora of Colombia faced controversy after battering American challenger and former champion Albert Davila to win a unanimous decision and retain his World Boxing Council (WBC) bantamweight title last night.

Confirmation of the result rested on the outcome of tests on two bottles of water confiscated from Lora by WBC officials after the 12-round bout. WBC rules allow boxers to drink only pure water during a fight.

**Denied**

"It tasted very, very sweet," said Marty Denkin, assistant executive officer of the California State Athletic Commission.

Lora, who was making the seventh defence of the title he won in August 1985, denied that there were sweeteners or other additives in the water bottles.

"It was pure water, the same type of water prescribed for children," he said through a translator.

Lora, who improved his professional record to 30 victories without a defeat, was unable to knock down Davila. But he battered him throughout the fight and opened up a long cut over Davila's right eye.

Twice the ringside physician examined the cut before allowing the fight to continue.

Lora, 27, had beaten Davila once before, in November 1986, on a decision in Barranquilla, Colombia. Davila held the WBC

bantamweight crown briefly in 1984.

Judge Arsenio Garcia of Mexico scored the fight 118-113. Judges Ray Solis of Mexico and Miguel Donato of Puerto Rico scored it 117-111.

The result made the 33-year-old Davila's professional record 55 victories against 10 losses and a draw.

In the ninth round there was confusion after a fan tossed a towel into the ring, interrupting the bout briefly.

WBC rules bar boxers from drinking anything but ordinary water during bouts and if Flora used sugared water, Denkin said disciplinary action could be taken.

**Oldest**

It was Davila's fifth quest for a title. At 33, he is the oldest man to ever fight for the bantamweight crown. He will be 34 on Aug 10.

After the defeat on Monday, Davila said: "This is a bad time to ask me (about retiring). I'm very disappointed I didn't win the fight. The way I feel now, I would say yes, but tomorrow I may feel better and say no."

On the undercard at the Forum, World Boxing Association lightweight champion Julio Cesar Chavez of Mexico improved to 58-0 with a third-round knockout of Yogi Buchanan of the United States in a non-title bout.

Chavez used lefts to the body to set up the left-right combination that ended the fight.

**BOXING****Mike Tyson reveals his real name**

NEW YORK, Aug 2, (Reuter): The real name of the undisputed heavyweight champion of the world is Mike Kirkpatrick, said in an interview.

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equally in the benefits of Olympic preparations.

Squatters demanding "for whom are the Olympics being held?" demonstrate from time to time, protesting their eviction to make way for development projects, including some linked to serve foreigners.

More likely to be noticed by the South Korean capital's 10 million residents are attempts to sharply reduce traffic congestion, pollution, and noise during the Summer Games Sept 17-Oct 2.

**Planted**

Many citizens have been busy in cleaning and painting campaigns to brighten Seoul for the Olympics, and the city says 125,000 trees have been planted.

The city's major investment went into the sports complex, including the \$73 million Olympic stadium, a swimming pool, basketball and boxing gymnasiums and a baseball stadium.

The overall construction cost of about \$200 million did not include the cost of land, Kim said.

Income from such things as television broadcast fees, sales of Olympic coins and stamps, a lottery and fees for use of Olympic emblems will pay the Games' operating costs, he added.

**Australian players await confirmation of rugby tour**

SCOTLAND, IRELAND, ENGLAND AND NEW ZEALAND have either banned or discouraged their players from joining the tour. French players are likely to decline an invitation to tour.

Michael Lynagh, Australia's highest points scorer in Test rugby, said today he was still waiting for confirmation from the South African Rugby Board that the tour would proceed.

Australian coach Bob Dwyer said he did not think there was much chance of his players touring.

Rugby authorities in Wales,

expansion and a cleanup of the Han river, running through the centre of Seoul. The rest of the funding is covered by Olympics revenues or private investment.

"As far as the cost burden is concerned, I don't think we are going to have great difficulties," Mayor Kim said in an interview.

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**US equestrian squad named**

NEW YORK, Aug 2, (AP): Joe Fargis, an Olympic gold medallist in 1984, and three of his horses were named to the US equestrian team that will compete at the Summer Olympics in Seoul.

Fargis was selected along with his horses, Mill Pearl, Touch of Class and Chef.

Other riders selected to the team were Anne Kursinski, Greg Best, Katharine Burdall and Lisa Jacqueline.

Kursinski was an alternate on the 1984 Olympic squad, while Best and Burdall were silver medalists at last year's Pan American Games.

The National Basketball Association salary cap will increase 17 per cent from \$6,164 million to \$7,232 per team for the 1988-89 season, the League announced.

**Started**

"He never asked me for nothing and I respect him for that," Tyson told Post.

"I thought when I started making the big money, he'd be calling looking for some cash. But he hasn't."

Tyson's manager Bill Cayton was surprised to hear about Kirkpatrick. Cayton told Reuters he assumed Tyson had no father since the late Cus D'Amato, the champion's former trainer, had become the fighter's legal guardian after his mother's death.

Cayton said Tyson rarely spoke about his past.

"When Cus took Mike he was very taciturn," Cayton said.

**Salary cap**

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"Training suppresses the immune system by depriving it of energy, rendering athletes vul-



Actor Dustin Hoffman (left) and Los Angeles Lakers' Magic Johnson pose for photographers before the start of a World Boxing Association fight between Miguel Lora and Albert Davila at Ingleside, California, on Monday evening. (Reuter wirephoto)

**BASEBALL ROUNDUP****Toronto overcome Minnesota**

TORONTO, Aug 2, (AP): George Bell hit a three-run homer in the eighth inning yesterday, giving Toronto a 3-1 victory over Minnesota and spoiling the Major's first 17-game winner.

Bell, 16-4, was lifted with two outs in the eighth after giving up consecutive singles to Tony Fernandez and Manny Lee. Bell then greeted reliever Jeff Reardon with his 15th homer of the season.

Also last night, the A's beat the White Sox 10-2, and the Royals won 5-3 over the Tigers.

The Toronto-Minnesota game featured a pitching duel between Viola and Toronto starter Dave Stieb, 11-7.

Viola allowed seven hits, struck out three and didn't walk a batter, while Stieb limited the Twins to three hits, struck out six and walked one in eight innings. Tom Henke pitched the ninth for Toronto to pick up his 19th save.

In Chicago, Jose Canseco homered in his fourth straight game and Dave Henderson drove in four runs with a home run and a single, leading rookie Todd Burns and Oakland over the White Sox.

The victory was the third in the last four games and, coupled with Minnesota's 3-1 loss to Toronto, improved the A's lead in the AL West to 6-2 games.

**Trimmed**

Kansas City's Bo Jackson hit his third home run in three games and fueled another rally with a double, leading the Royals over Detroit.

The loss trimmed the Tigers' lead in the AL East to one-half game over New York and one game over Boston, who were both tied.

In Seattle, Devon White, Bob Boone and Tony Armas hit home runs as the California Angels won a club-record 10th straight road game with an 8-4 decision over the Mariners.

White's ninth home run off loser Bill Swift, 6-8, a two-run shot, gave the Angels a 3-1 lead in the fifth inning and they never looked back.

Terry Clark, a 27-year old rookie, won his fourth game without loss. The right-hander scattered 10 hits and pitched his way out of a bases-loaded jam in the fifth.

The Angels have won 20 of their last 28 games. They previously established the club record for most consecutive wins on the road when they won nine straight last year.

Alan Hammarak pitched a five-hitter and Will Clark had three extra base hits, including his 23rd homer, as the San Francisco Giants beat the Houston Astros 4-1 for their sixth straight victory and ninth in 11 games.

Among other games last night, the Reds beat the Dodgers 4-3, and the Pirates downed the Mets 7-2.

Hammarak, 5-3, struck out and walked one for his first victory as a starter this season and first complete game since Aug 8, 1987. The only run off the left-hander was uncalled.

Clarke drove in the first two runs off Nolan Ryan, 8-8, with a double in the first inning and his homer in the third. He had another double in the fifth.

**Pitched**

In Los Angeles, Chris Sabo's two-run single capped a four-run rally in the eighth inning and Danny Jackson won for the seventh time in eight starts to lead Cincinnati.

Pittsburgh's Doug Drabek pitched six shutout innings and Mike Lavalliere hit a two-run homer last night as the Pirates broke through against Dwight Gooden and availed a sweep to pull within four games of National League East-leading Mets.

Lavalliere's home broke a scoreless tie in the sixth. R.J. Reynolds had four hits and three stolen bases.

Drabek, 10-5, permitted six hits and won his fifth consecutive start. Gooden, 13-6, went 6 1-3 innings and gave up four runs on 11 hits.

Later last night, pinch-hitter John Kruk's two-run double highlighted a five-run sixth inning as the San Diego Padres defeated Atlanta 6-3 to win their third straight game and extend the Braves' losing streak to seven.

Ed Whitson, 10-6, scattered seven hits in six innings and won for the seventh time in his last eight decisions. He walked one and struck out three.

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**SPORTS**

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**Doumbia rallies to upset Berger**

Becker: the tournament's top seed

**Sri Lanka settle for tame draw**

LONDON, Aug 2. (Reuters): Sri Lanka made no attempt to chase a victory target of 245 in 155 minutes and settled for a tame draw with Middlesex at Lord's today.

Openers Roshan Mahanama and Amal Silva typified the touring side's reluctance to go for runs by producing only seven scoring strokes in reaching 13 without loss of 11 overs before tea.

The pattern remained unchanged until the third-day cricket match ended early with the total 80 for three.

Earlier, Keith Brown struck 107 not out in a Middlesex second innings total of 185 for two declared.

Middlesex, who led by 59 on the first innings, resumed this morning at 19 for no wicket and wasted no time in setting about the Sri Lanka bowling.

**Dominant**

John Carr hit three boundaries in the first four overs of the day but Brown then took the dominant role, stroking five fours in the first hour.

Sri Lanka finally got a badly-needed breakthrough when Carr moved too far inside the line and was bowled by seamer Athula Samarasinha for 39 out of an opening partnership of 110.

The promising Mark Ramprakash then joined Brown and after an anxious five balls finally hit a single to avoid the ignominy of a pair.

With the pressure off, Ramprakash struck three handsome boundaries in his 20 before Middlesex declared.

The tourists lost their captain Ranjan Madugalle who sustained a badly split finger on his right hand when fielding a ball in the slips.

Yesterday vice-captain Arjuna Ranatunga held the Sri Lankan first innings together with an excellent 84 to help the tourists recover to 265 all out.

Sri Lanka made a sound, if tedious, start when Roshan Mahanama and Amal Silva put on 77 for the first wicket.

**Scoreboard**

**MIDDLESEX** first innings 324 (J. Sykes 88, J. Embrey 43, R. Batter 41, A. Fraser 41).

**SRI LANKA** first innings 265 (A. Ranatunga 84, A. Silva 42, R. Mahanama 40).

**MIDDLESEX** second innings (overnight 19 for no wicket) J. Carr b. Samarasinha ..... 39 R. Brown not out ..... 107 M. Ramprakash lbw b. Ratnayake, 20 R. Butcher not out ..... 10 Extras (lb-2 nb-7) ..... 9 Total (for two wickets, declared) 185 Fall of wickets: 1-110 2-166 Bowling: Ratnayake 19-0-66-1, Ramanyake 5-0-36-0, Anurasiri 10-4-17-0, Samarasinha 9-0-29-1, Ranatunga 8-2-12-0, Madurasinghe 4-0-2-0.

**SRI LANKA** second innings A. Silva c Brown b Embrey ..... 13 R. Mahanama c Brown b Embrey 18 M. Samarasinha c Embrey b Tufnell ..... 11 D. Meadis not out ..... 12 A. De Sene not out ..... 22 Extras (b-2 lb-2) ..... 4 Total (for three wickets) ..... 80 Fall of wickets: 1-23 2-30 3-44 Bowling: Hughes 6-3-7-0, Carr 5-3-6-0, Embrey 13-5-26-2, Tufnell 14-5-37-1, Ramprakash 1-1-0-0 Result: match drawn

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug 2. (Agencies): Yaya Doumbia of Senegal celebrated his rise into the world's top 100 yesterday with a 1-6 6-0 6-4 first round upset of ninth-seeded American Jay Berger at \$415,000 US Men's Hardcourt Championships.

Doumbia, who recovered from a 0-3 third set deficit, credited his ability to deal with the blazing heat as temperatures topped 38 degrees Celsius and an on-court thermometer reached 49 degrees.

"The heat made the difference," said Doumbia, who broke into the top 100 with a world ranking of 98 yesterday.

**Fared**

Three other seeded players to see first round action yesterday fared better than Berger.

American Derrick Rostagno, seeded 10, defeated France's Jean Fleurant 7-6 6-4, while 11th-seeded Australian John Frawley ousted American Andrew Burrow 6-1 7-6. American Jim Pugh, seeded 13, lost a second set tiebreak 3-7, but recovered to hold his serve in the ninth for 4-5.

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"I knew he was kind of tired. He gave me a couple of points but I played well," said Doumbia. "I knew I was going to win, even when I was down 0-3 in the final set."

Berger seemed to have recovered his composure as he took a quick lead in the final set. But Doumbia ran off the next five games before the American managed to hold his serve in the ninth for 4-5.

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Todd Nelson, who yesterday eliminated South Africa's Gary Muller 6-4, 6-4. Connors begins play tomorrow.

The opening matches were the first on the new courts, which were installed at a cost of \$1 million after tournament officials chose to rip up the center clay courts and replace them with a rubber-coated asphalt surface. The switch was made to attract more top players by making the event a tuneup for the US Open, which begins later this month in Flushing Meadows, New York, on a similar surface.

Running

"They did a good job on the courts," Connors said. "Once they get played on, get some matches and some players running around on them, they'll be fine. You have got to get that top layer off of it, but that will happen after a few matches. These courts are very nice. It's a great surface to get ready for the Open."

Becker's praise was more succinct. When asked what he thought of the court's he replied, "good."

Compétition was light during yesterday's first round because of byes to the top eight seeds, including Becker, Connors, John McEnroe, Brad Gilbert and Tim Mayotte.

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**Durie and Hakami outlast opponents**

SAN DIEGO, California, Aug 2. (UPI): Third seeded American Ely Hakami and Britain's Jo Durie, the eighth seed, were extended to three sets yesterday before claiming victories in the opening round of the \$100,000 Virginia Slims of San Diego.

Hakami, 18, a quarterfinalist in the tournament last year, beat unseeded compatriot Monique Javer 6-2, 3-6, 6-1. Durie, in search of her first singles title since 1983, rallied past American Camille Benjamin 3-6, 6-4, 6-2.

In other first-round matches, West German Christine Singer outclassed American Hu Na, 6-1, 6-0; Deborah Graham defeated US compatriot Andrea Holikova 6-2, 7-6 (7-0); American Cammi MacGregor downed Australian Michelle Jaggard 6-2, 6-3 and Eva Krapl, Switzerland, defeated American Maryanne Werdel 6-2, 7-6 (8-6).

**Qualifier**

Top-seeded American Patty Fendick was to play her first match this evening against qualifier Jennifer Santrock and No.2 Stephanie Rehe was to meet Ronnie Reis of Miami in another all-American clash.

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**SPORTS BRIEFS****£400,000 bid**

GLASGOW, Scotland, Aug 2. (UPI): Glasgow Rangers have rejected a £400,000 (\$680,000) bid from Chelsea for former England soccer international Graham Roberts. The decision will upset the defender, who has recently been embarrassed by being forced to travel with the reserves for friendlies.

**Olympic champion**

VIAREGGIO, Italy, Aug 2. (UPI): Brazil's 800 metre Olympic champion Joaquim Cruz hopes to regain his winning form at an international track and field meet tomorrow. Cruz, who won the gold in Los Angeles in 1 minute 43.00 seconds has failed to find his old pace following a tendon operation.

**Jeff Fenech**

MELBOURNE, Australia, Aug 2. (UPI): WBC world featherweight champion Jeff Fenech is delighted with the improvement to his injured right hand.

**Italian press**

NAPLES, Italy, Aug 2. (UPI): The Italian press yesterday compared the patching-up of differences between Napoli soccer captain Diego Maradona and coach Ottavio Bianchi to the Reagan-Gorbachev summit.

**Soccer friendly**

ATHENS, Aug 2. (UPI): Scottish Premier Division club Dundee United scored a 2-1 victory over AEK of Greece in a soccer friendly in front of 25,000 fans last night.

**Brazilian player**

ROME, Aug 2. (UPI): After warming up with four goals in a weekend practice match for Italian club Roma, new Brazilian acquisition Renato placed to score one for the Pope in his next match.

**Chelsea's appeal**

LONDON, Aug 2. (UPI): Chelsea soccer club's appeal against a hefty fine and closure of its terrace because of crowd trouble will be heard Aug 11.

**Czech defectors**

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, Aug 2. (AP): Almost a week after vanishing from their club during a warmup tourney in West Germany, two leading Czechoslovak soccer players reported by the official media to have defected to Britain still were missing.

**Kuwait delegation**

THE Kuwait Olympic Committee on Monday discussed in its meeting, chaired by Sheikh Salman Al Hamoud Al Sabah, the preparation of the Kuwaiti delegation for the Olympics in Seoul from Sept 17 to October 2.

**W. German star**

SAINT VINCENT, Italy, Aug 2. (AP): West German tennis star Steffi Graf said she is "almost certain" to become the third woman ever to achieve the Grand Slam — winning the four major tournaments during the same season.

**Lewis and Joyner-Kersee to take part in Brussels GP**

BRUSSELS, Aug 2. (UPI): Quadruple Olympic champion Carl Lewis and world heptathlon and long jump champion Jackie Joyner-Kersee will both take part in the Brussels Grand Prix on August 19, organisers said this evening.

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Incredible reach semifinals

INCREIBLE XI moved into the semifinals of the 10th United Goans Football Tournament with a 3-1 victory over Salcede United at the Sour grounds on Friday.

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**Queen Elizabeth II honours Grahame**

LONDON, Aug 2. (AP): Former England cricket captain Mike Gatting, sacked in June for entertaining a barmaid in a hotel room, was honoured by Queen Elizabeth II for services to his sport today when he was presented with a medal making him an officer of the Order of the British Empire.

Gatting's OBE was awarded 12 months ago in the Queen's 1987 birthday Honours List following a winter of triumph in Australia, where he regained the "Ashes," cricket's most coveted trophy, for his country.

Since then, however, Gatting's career has become embroiled in controversy — on and off the field.

First, in one of the sport's most heated exchanges, Gatting challenged the authority of

sacked him, saying the 31-year-old Middlesex captain had behaved against the spirit of the game.

Last month, Gatting was reselected for England for the third Test match, but only as a team member. But afterwards, he faced another controversy, this time over his autobiography, which included references to the verbal tussle with umpire Rana.

The book was immediately banned by the country's cricketing authorities from sale at all major stadiums throughout the country.

But six weeks ago, he was fired after he admitted inviting a barmaid to his hotel room "for a drink" during the first Test match against the West Indies.

After sections of the British press alleged Gatting had been guilty of a more serious transgression, England selectors

challenged the authority of

Gloucestershire's giant fast bowler David Lawrence returned to a career best seven for 47 as he scythed through the Surrey batting at Cheltenham.

Surrey struggled to 115 in their second innings but that still left Gloucestershire needing 265 to win.

Gloucestershire's West Indian paceman Sylvester Clarke, still one of the most fearsome bowlers on the county circuit, earlier took five for 44 in Gloucestershire's 163 for nine declared.

Once again the ball dominated the bat in the county championship with several candidates for the England tour party to India

in three seasons and a typically aggressive 77 from Jim Love took Yorkshire to